MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest

HELD IN

St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church

RED WING, - MINNESOTA

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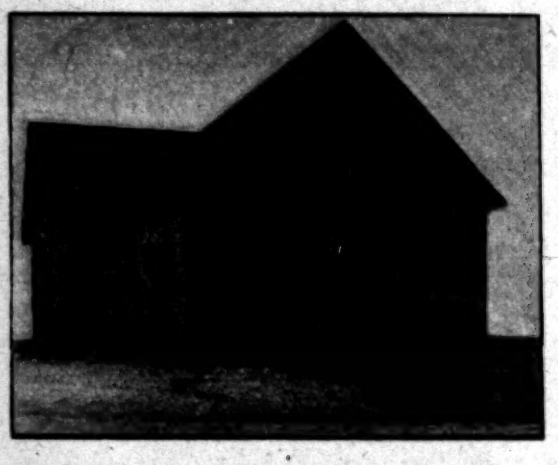
RED WING, MINN.

Where Convention Convened



St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, was organized in Nov. 1886, by the Rev. G. H. Trabert, then pastor of St. John's church Minneapolis, who continued to serve until July 1889. The Rev. Chas. B. Lindtwed succeeded Rev. Trabert serving the congregation for three years. In January 1893, the Rev. A. Steimle took charge and continued until January, 1896. He was followed by the Rev. J. A. Leas, May 1, 1896, who continued until May 1, 1901, when the present pastorate began. The building was purchsed and moved to its present location in 1892 and enlarged in 1899. The interior presents a churchly appearance. The congregation has no indebtedness.

MINUTES

Opening Service

The eighteenth convention of "The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the North West" was held in St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Red Wing, Minn., the Rev. Albert J. Reichert, pastor, commencing on Wed. evening, June 24th, 1908.

The Confessional service was held in the basement of the Church and was conducted by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., President of the Eastern Conference.

Following this the full "Order of Morning Service" was used and the same conducted by the Pres., of Synod, the Rev. H. K. Gebhart preaching the sermon. The text was Luke 22: 13-15 and the theme, "God's Desire in the Holy Supper." The Lord's Supper was then administered to the brethren and lay delegates.

At the close of this service the President appointed the Rev. Willis Beck and Mr. Chas. Kuentzel, together with the Sec'y. of Synod a committee on credentials.

First Session

St. Paul's Church, Red Wing, Minn.

Thursday, June 25th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The first business session was opened with the full Matin service conducted by the Sec'y of Synod, the Rev. John Keehley. The President then formally opened the convention for the transaction of business according to the "Order for the Opening of Synods."

The roll of ministers was called. The credential committee at this and later sessions of the convention reported credentials received from twenty-three lay delegates. Seven ministers were received at later services, making the roll of Synod as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD

	MINISTERS	Ordained	Entered Synod	LAY DELEGATES	PARISHES
1	G. H. Trabert, D. D.	1870	1898	†A. G. Johnson ...	Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.
2	***W. K. Frick, D. D.	1873	1891	Jean C. Mueller ..	Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.
3	††S. W. Kuhns	1875	1895	.....	No charge.
4	Geo. H. Schnur	1886	1907	Samuel A. Borg ..	St. James, St. Paul, Minn.
5	H. K. Gebhart	1889	1895	Frang Berg	First Eng. Luth., Platteville, Wis.
6	Wm. F. Bacher	1889	1908	†H. W. Knauff	Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.
7	C. B. Lindtwed	1889	1908	.....	St. John's, Oshkosh, Wis.
8	A. J. Reichert	1890	1901	Chas. A. Erickson.	St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.
9	J. L. Murphy	1891	1905	Philip Bayha	St. John's, Duluth, Minn.
10	J. J. Clemens	1896	1903	†T. Evjen	Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.
11	R. A. Helms	1896	1903	Oliver Peterson ...	St. Mark's, No. St. Paul, Minn.
12	A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D.	1896	1905	††H. J. Johnson ...	St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.
13	F. E. Jensen	1897	1897	.....	Gen. Sec'y, Chicago Seminary.
14	J. A. Zundel	1898	1903	.....	Field Missionary.
15	*F. S. Beistel	1898	1903	.....	Agent Church Extension Society.
16	††C. W. Valentine ...	1899	1907	†Chas. A. Victor ..	Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.
17	Wm. S. Ulrich	1899	1908	.....	St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.
18	**A. C. Peterson	1900	1900	.....	St. Paul's, Waterloo, Wis.
19	John Keehley	1900	1904	J. E. Nelson	Salem, Albert Lea, Minn.
20	P. E. Baisler	1901	1901	†Chas. T. Kelly ...	Grace, Kenosha, Wis.
21	Wm. Eckert	1901	1905	Chas. Kuentzel ...	Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.
22	L. F. Gruber	1901	1908	†Chas. Johnson ...	St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.
23	Willis Beck	1902	1905	P. S. Aslakson	Goodhue Parish.
24	W. P. Christy	1904	1904	P. A. Pedersen ...	St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis.
25	W. H. Gable	1905	1905	Frank Austin	Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.
26	**G. K. Rubrecht ...	1905	1905	**Theo. Bakke	Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.
27	*G. S. Jost	1905	1907	.....	Advent, Cedarburg, Wis.
28	*P. H. Roth	1906	1906	.....	Atonement, Beloit, Wis.
29	R. W. Yeany	1906	1907	A. P. Christensen..	Redeemer, Sioux Falls, S. D.
30	O. S. Yerger	1907	1907	*W. T. Eckels	Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.
31	†H. R. Gold	1907	1907	.....	Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis.
32	L. B. Deck	1908	1908	.....	Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.

ROLL OF SYNOD---Continued

	MINISTERS	Ordained	Entered Synod	LAY DELEGATES	PARISHES
33	†Paul L. Kunzmann .	1908	1908	†W. A. Schwalbe .	Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis.
34	.....			.....	Trinity, Winnipeg, Man.
35	.....			.....	Redeemer, Livingston, Mont.
36	.....			.....	St. John's, Inwood, Man.
37	.....			.....	First English Luth. Middleton, Wis.

* Excused from entire convention.
** Excused from Sat. and Mon. sessions.
*** Excused from Sat. sessions.
† Excused from Mon. sessions.
†† Absent but not excused.

The program as arranged by the Pres. of Synod was adopted with the understanding that a session be held on Monday. Upon motion the hours for closing were fixed at 11:45 A. M. and 5 P. M.

President's Report

Dear Brethren:

Twenty-five years ago, there was but one English Lutheran congregation in the great Lutheran Northwest. This was St. John's, Minneapolis, with seven members, and the Rev. G. H. Trabert as Pastor. It celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary during the convention of the Central Conference; the founder of the congregation preaching the historical sermon. From this humble beginning the work has grown, and today as a result there are sixty congregations with seven thousand communicant members.

We meet on historic ground. Twenty-five years ago, the first English Lutheran service was held in Red Wing. The old Swedish Lutheran Church was the place, and the preacher was the Rev. G. H. Trabert. From this beginning we have St. Paul's. The old Swedish church has given place to the new and more beautiful edifice in which we will hold our twenty-fifth anniversary services. In the year 1889, the first English Lutheran service was held in Wisconsin in the city of Milwaukee, by the Rev. W. K. Frick, late Professor in Gustavus Adolphus college St. Peter, Minn., who has since been connected in some manner with the organization of all our Wisconsin churches. The Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., labored successfully in planting the church in the city of St. Paul. These three pioneers have been spared to us, two are still members of the Synod. The third Dr. Haupt labored nearly 24 years upon this territory and was a member of this Synod until April 1. He is now superintendnet of Inner Missions for the city of Pittsburg. We regret his absence from this convention. To commemorate this event in the history of our Synod, the Executive committee has arranged for a special service on Sunday evening June 28, in the Swedish Lutheran church.

What progress the Lutheran church has made in the passed twenty-five years! She has grown from 3,350 min-

isters, 6,384 congregations, 823,295 communicants, to 8,052 ministers, 13,142 congregations, 2,012,536 communicants. From the 16th, on the roll of denominations she has advanced to the third place. Her benevolent contributions have more than quadrupled. Eighteen synods, five of which are connected with the General Council, were organized. Nine theological seminaries, thirteen colleges, three ladies' seminaries, twenty-one homes for the aged, thirty orphanags, nine deaconess institution, nine emmigrant and seamens' missions, have been founded. Greater interest is manifested in all parts of the church for Home and Foreign Missions. A valuable aid to the church, in developing a true Lutheran consciousness in our youth was the organization of the Luther League. The first society was organized in 1887 in St. Peter's Lutheran church, New York. The National Association, which from its polyglot character might be called international, was organized on Reformation day, 1895 in Pittsburg, Pa. More than 47,000 of our youth are members of it. The publication of the graded series of text books for our Sunday schools was a step in advance of any thing thus far published. While the church has greatly grown numerically, it has been most marked in those Synodical bodies which adhere closest to the Symbolical Books and the usages which are peculiar to our Lutheran Zion. Likewise, they have shown greater interest in the various branches of Christian activity. The method of our missionary operations has changed. It is now national instead of synodical. We have become more systematic and more progressive and are better able to cope with the present conditions. The field missionaries and the church extension fund are playing prominent parts in the rapid development of our missions. The latter, in the General Council, has grown from a little more than $1000 to over $150,000. Cast your eye where you will, the church has advanced during these 25 years. Never was the church more active than now. Preaching the gospel in 11 languages in our country she is destined to rank first in numbers, activity and influence.

THE MISSION OF THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

The mission of the Synod of the Northwest, apart from the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments according to the confessions of the church is to

seek and to save those to the church who otherwise would be lost on account of language. Her increase has been largely from confirmations and those who have not been in living connection with the church, and not as is often said, by transfer from our Scandinavian or German congregations. That the Synod has succeeded is beyond question. The field is white unto the harvest. To retain those who would be lost to us on account of language calls for the best effort, not only of our synod but of all synods. There is ample room for all synodical bodies to prosecute English work upon this territory. Our aim is to work in harmony with all synods. It is one of co-operation and not antagonism. The church of the Northwest should profit by the mistakes of the church of the East, and labor unitedly for the extension of our Lutheran Zion.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Resignations. After a pastorate of nearly twenty-three years the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., resigned Memorial church St. Paul, July 6, 1907, in order to accept the call to the spertendency of the Inner Mission work in Pittsburg, Pa. The resignation took effect Sept. 30. He was granted a letter of honorable dismissal to the Pittsburg Synod April 11. Aug. 12, the Rev. John Keehley resigned St. Mark's, Minneapolis in order to accept the call from Salem church, Albert Lea, Minn. His resignation took effect Oct. 31, 1907.

The Rev. John A. Zundel resigned St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D., Aug. 12, in order to accept the call from the Home Mission Board as field missionary for Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, and western Canada. His resignation took effect Jan. 1, 1908.

June 6, 1908 the Rev. C. W. Valentine resigned the Lindstrom parish. His resignation will take effect July 31.

Upon the advice of the Executive Committee the Rev. L. K. Mavromates resigned Trinity church, N. St. Paul, June 30, 1907. He has left the Lutheran ministry and is now serving a parish in connection with the Congregational church. A call was extended by the Executive Committee and the congregation to the Rev. R. A. Helms who began work July 1, 1907.

Dismissal. The Rev. George F. Gehr, Gen. Sec. of the Chicago Theological Seminary having resigned the office in order to accept the call from Memorial church, Erie, Pa., was granted a letter of honorable dismissal to the Pittsburg Synod Oct. 1,

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Pastors. The Rev. W. S. Ulrich, pastor elect of St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D., presents a letter of honorable dismissal from the Pittsburg Synod.

The Rev. L. F. Gruber, pastor-elect of St. Mark's, Minneapolis, and the Rev. W. F. Bacher, pastor-elect of Memorial church, St. Paul presented letters of honorable dismissal from the New York and New England Synod. The Rev. C. B. Lindtwed, pastor-elect of St. John's Oshkosh, Wis., presents a letter of honorable dismissal from the Nova Scotia Synod. The Rev. Howard R, Gold, pastor-elect of Trinity church, Madison, Wis., and the Rev. Luther B. Deck, pastor-elect of Trinity church, Minneapolis, present letters of honorable dismissal from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Candidate for Ordination. Paul L. Kunzmann, a graduate of the Mt. Airy, Penn. Theological Seminary applies for ordination. He has received a call from The Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis.

Congregations. Three congregations apply for membership: St. John's, Oshkosh, Wis., organized by Field Missionary Rev. A. C. Anda and the Rev. C. B. Lindtwed; the Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis., organized by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., and Field Missionary Anda; and the First English Evan. Lutheran Church of Middleton, Wis., organized by Field Missionary Anda and Rev. Howard R. Gold.

Installations. The Rev O. S. Yerger, of Trinity, St. Paul by the President of Synod and the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., July, 1907; the Rev. R. A. Helms, pastor of Trinity, North St. Paul by the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., and Rev. G. H. Schnur, Sept. 22, 1907; the Rev. John Keehley, pastor of Salem Church, Albert Lea, Minn., by the President of Synod, Dec. 5, 1907; the Rev. C. W. Valentine, pastor of Trinity Church, Lindstrom, Minn., by the President of Synod, Dec. 8, 1907; the Rev. Howard R. Gold, pastor of Trinity Church, Madison,

Wis., by the Rev. W. P. Christy, Feb. 9, 1908; the Rev. L. F. Gruber, pastor of St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn., by the President of Synod, and the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Mch. 1,1908, and the Rev. C. B. Lindtwed, pastor of St. John's, Oshkosh, Wis., by the President of Synod and the Rev. H. K. Gebhart, May 7, 1908.

VACANCIES.

Several vacancies occurred during the year. St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Memorial, St. Paul; and St. Mark's, Fargo. All are now supplied with Pastors.

CORNER STONE LAID.

Trinity church, Minneapolis, having purchased a church building from a Baptist congregation, removed the same to the lots purchased on the corner of 29th Ave. S., and 29th St. The corner-stone was laid Feb. 2, 1908. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., the Revs. G. H. Trabert, D. D., O. S. Yerger and the Field Missionary, J. A. Zundel, assisting.

CONSECRATION.

The above church was consecrated Feb. 9, 1908; the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., preaching the sermon, and the Rev. L. F. Gruber, Field Missionary, J. A. Zundel assisting.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

St. John's, Minneapolis, has enjoyed a prosperous year. The attendance has been good. The Easter communion was the largest in the history of the congregation. In commemoration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the congregation the mortgage resting upon it was canceled.

Memorial church, St. Paul has been vacant since Oct. 1. Rev. J. Sander, D. D., of St. Peter, Minn., has supplied the pulpit. The rear building of the church has been completed. The opening services were held in January, the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., making the address. The Rev. O. S. Yerger instructed the catechetical class and confirmed the same on Palm Sunday.

Trinity, St. Paul, reports 50 accessions, the apportionment has been more than paid, the Sunday school has had a large increase of scholars and is the largest among our churches in the Twin Cities.

St. James, St. Paul, reports a fair accession of members. The attendance and interest at all services and the offerings for benevolence show life, and bright promise for the future. An effort will be made this summer to cancel the indebtedness. The pastor was voted a substantial increase of salary.

Salem, Minneapolis, has been moving along harmoniously and prosperously during the synodical year. The benevolence of the congregation is commendable—more than double the amount apportioned was raised. A substantial increase in salary was voted the pastor at the annual meeting. A feature of the regular services is the choir music, which ranks among the best in the city.

St. Mark's, Minneapolis. After a vacancy of a few months the Rev. L. F. Gruber, took charge Feb. 1. As in the past, St. Mark's continues to prosper, and all departments of its work are in a flourishing condition. The Luther League supports a student in India. Prof. Frank Nelson, Pres. of Minnesota College, supplied the pulpit during the vacancy.

Trinity, Minneapolis, has a substantial spiritual and numerical growth. Field Missionary, Rev. J. A. Zundel, took charge Jan. 1. He will be relieved July 1, by the pastor-elect Rev. L. B. Deck of the graduating class of the Mt. Airy Seminary.

St. Mark's, Fargo, is in need of a new and larger church. The increase in attendance at the services and the growth of the Sunday school make this imperative. Jan. 1, pastor-elect Rev. W. S. Ulrich took charge and was given a royal welcome. The future is full of promise.

St. Paul's, Red Wing, celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary in connection with this convention of Synod. Its career has been the same as of most congregations organized at that time. The charter members were but three. There was no church extension fund from which aid could be received for a more imposing building. In spite of all its trials the Lord has been with it. Each year, the burden has grown lighter. The year 1907-1908 has been one of the best in its history. The attendance at the services and the interest manifested in the work at large are commendable.

The Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, by the organization of the Church of the Reformation lost 48 of its members.

Its loss is a gain to the church of the reformation. Its gains were 47. In all departments of its work, interest and zeal are shown.

Epiphany, Milwaukee added 70 new members to its roll. The Sunday school has nearly doubled in membership. That a little band of 30, 9 of whom were men, with $325 in cash and subscriptions should plan on erecting a $28,000 church, was indeed an act of faith. The congregation now numbers 200 communicants, and will become self sustaining Sep. 1.

The Goodhue county parish, covering a territory 30 miles long by 10 miles wide, has enjoyed a prosperous year. Improvements were made on the Goodhue church at an expense of $800. The congregation at Zumbrota has no church home of its own and is anxiously looking forward to the time when it shall have one. The Cannon Falls' congregation is still forging ahead in gains in membership. It is the opinion of pastor and people that the parish should be divided; Goodhue and Zumbrota to form one parish, and Cannon Falls with some other point yet to be determined upon, the other. May this be realized!

Holy Trinity, La Crosse, reports a good increase in attendance upon the church services. Missionary and educational lectures were given under the auspices of the Luther League. The congregation is making plans for the celebration of its Tenth Anniversary. Sorrow came into the home of the pastor and into the congregation by the death of Mrs. Clemens, who passed away peacefully, after a lingering illness, on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1908. Mrs. Clemens was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pfeiffer of Red Wing. She was baptized in infancy by the Rev. P. Sjoblom, and was confirmed by the Rev. G. H. Trabert in the first class of St. Paul's church. Oct. 10, 1900 she was united in marriage to the Rev. J. J. Clemens. Her family loses a christian wife and mother; and the congregation a zealous and self sacrificing helper. The funeral services were conducted by the president of Synod and the Rev. R. Anderson, pastor of the United Norwegian congregation of La Crosse, on Monday, Jan. 6.

The Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, reports the largest Sunday school in Synod. 600 scholars are enrolled; 175 of which were enrolled during the year. The new pipe organ was installed and consecrated; and a boy choir of 35 voices was organized.

The First Church, Platteville, has purchased a parsonage. It is a new house with all modern improvements. The church building in which the congregation worships has also been purchased. With the equipment now at hand The First Church will be able to do better work.

The Church of the Atonement, Beloit, shows an increase in attendance of 75 per cent over last year. The number communing has doubled; the membership trebled. The foundations for the new church have been laid, and at an early date work will be begun on the superstructure.

The Church of the Redeemer, Sioux Falls, S. D., reports the brightest prospects in its history. The close of the year showed a balance in the church and society treasuries. The membership has been doubled and an effort is being made to secure a church property.

Salem, Albert Lea, closes its first year with a membership of 71. $1600 was raised for all purposes. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 100.

Grace Church, Kenosha, reports 58 accessions. The Sunday school has an enrollment of over 300 with a steady increasing average attendance. The Women's Missionary Society has assumed the responsibility for the support of a native worker in India.

St. John's, Oshkosh, was organized Sept. 29, 1907, with 37 charter members. The first service was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, May 15, 1907, by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., 16 persons were present. Services were then held regularly every alternative Wednesday evening until Aug. 1, the brethren of the Eastern Conference conducting the same. After this date, the Rev. C. B. Lindtwed took charge. At a congregational meeting held April 1, a house and two lots were purchased at a cost of $4,500. The house will be fitted up for church purposes. The membership has increased to 75.

The Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee was organized March 8, with 105 charter members. It is self sustaining. A lot has been purchased and a new church is being erected thereon at a cost of $30,000.

The First English Lutheran Church, Middleton, Wis., was organzied June 9, 1908, with 25 charter members. Services

have been conducted during the winter by the Rev. H. R. Gold, of Madison, who will continue to serve the congregation.

THE MISSIONS.

The mission of North St. Paul became vacant June 30, 1907 by the resignation of the L. K. Mavromates. The executive committee in conjunction with the congregation extended a call to the Rev. R. A. Helms, who took charge at once. The condition of the congregation is very satisfactory, in fact, the past year has been best in its history. The former pastor having left the Lutheran ministry and taken up work in the Congreagtional church, action should be taken at this convention to drop his name from the clerical roll. The other missions within the bounds of Synod are under the control of the Home Mission Board of the General Council. Trinity Church, Winnipeg, Man., and The Church of the Redeemer, Livingston, Mont., are vacant.

Last August I received a letter from Mr. Herman Wennermark a beneficiary student of Synod enclosing a check for $115, the amount due Synod, thus releasing him from all obligations. Nothing was stated in the letter as to what synod he would apply for ordination. I subsequently learned that he was ordained by the Iowa Synod of the General Synod. Upon the advice of the Executive committee, the amount enclosed was placed in the Synodical Home Mission Fund, where it was greatly needed at the time.

WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This organization comprising several local societies of the congregations within the bounds of the Central Conference, held two conventions during the year: at Red Wing Sept. 25, 26, 1907, and Minneapolis May 13, 1908. It has an enrollment of 15 local societies. At its annual meeting at Red Wing, the following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. G. H. Trabert, Minneapolis; Vice Pres. Mrs. John Keehley, Albert Lea; Sec. Mrs. G. H. Schnur, St. Paul; Cor. Sec. Mrs. A, J. Reichert, Red Wing; Treas. Mrs. L. J. Good, St. Paul. Interesting addresses were made at each convention by the brethren of Conference. $50.00 were appropriated for the Field Missionary of Minnesota. The balance of the funds received, will be divided proportionately between the Home Missions, India and Porto Rico.

THE CONFERENCES.

It was my privilege to attend both meetings of the Central Conference, and one, the Oshkosh meeting of the Eastern Conference. At all the meetings there was a large attendance of the clerical members, but a small one of lay delegates. The Eastern Conference took steps to secure a Field Missianry of its own and under its control. An agent was also provided for, whose office it shall be to secure funds for his salary. While this was a commendable act on the part of the Conference, yet it has overstepped its bounds; as no such powers are granted to Conferences by the constitution. Inasmuch as other matters relative to the missionary operations of Conferences will be brought up at this convention, I would recommend that a special committee on Conferences be appointed, and that a change be made in our By-Laws under Article II, section 7, authorizing the appointment of a regular committee on Conferences, whose duty shall be to review the work of Conferences and report the same to Synod with recommendations, if necessary.

THE MINISTER AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHAN'S FUND.

It is with pleasure that we note, that after an existence of two years, over $1100 are in the Fund. This fact should commend it to the pastors and congregations. The report which was given me June 14, shows that 18 congregations and 10 pastors did not contribute to the Fund during the year. It is to be hoped that the next year will show all contributing.

THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

The general Council Publication Board is using every means to place its publications in the hands of our people. This fall, the Rev. W. L. Hunton Ph. D., who has charge of the circulating department, will visit our congregations. He will speak before each, either in lectures or addresses on Sundays and week-days, which will be followed by a personal canvass, or one by a church society or local agent. Sample copies of the Boards publications will be found on the literature table. I trust that all will give Dr. Hunton a most cordial welcome and assist him in every way.

THE UNIFICATION PLAN.

At the last meeting of the General Council, the Unification Plan of English Missions presented by the Board was adopted with a few changes.

In order to carry out its part, the Board made certain changes necessary in its charter. Sept. 1, the new charter will become operative, and all English Missions of Synods adopting the plan, will be transferred to the Board. The plan provides for a Board consisting of 7 members elected by the General Council and one elected by each of the Synods cooperating, or its Home Mission Board electing one member.

2. Auxiliary thereto, each Synod shall have a Home Mission Board consisting of such members as it may elect, together with one member named by the General Board.

3. To this Synodical Board, the General Superintendent shall send a duplicate of that portion of his report which relates to the progress of each mission and the work of each missionary on its territory for information and preservation, and after full consideration, it shall transmit through him its recommendations to the General Board.

4. Each Synod may appoint Conference and City Mission Committees, which shall transmit to the Synod's Board any information in their possession and recommendations with reference to their district.

5. All missions funds shall be paid to the treasurer of Synod and by him transmitted to the treasurer of the General Board. As Synod by its action in 1904, committed itself to the Plan, action should be taken at this convention to carry out the provisions above specified.

APPORTIONMENTS.

At the last convention of the General Council, Synod was apportioned for Home Missions, Porto Rico and Slovak work. I Believe these amounts should be apportioned to the parishes in such a manner that each will know what amount is required of it for each object. I would recommend that the apportionment committee be authorized to make this change in its report.

Now the God of peace make us perfect in this good work, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

ALBERT J. REICHERT.

Red Wing, Minn., June 24, 1908.

On motion the report was received and referred to a subsequently appointed committee.

On account of the unavoidable absence of the Treas. C. A. Smith the report was read by the Rev. Dr. Trabert.

Report of the Treasurer

C. A. Smith, Treasurer,

In account with the **English Evengelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.**

June 3rd, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Advent Congregation, Cedarburg, Wis .....$	71.85
Atonement Cong. Beloit, Wis.....	78.15
English Lutheran Congregation, Cannon Falls, Minn., ...	18.86
English Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Zumbrota, Minn., ...	20.87
Epiphany Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis	144.56
First Church, Platteville, Wis.	359.15
First Church, Winnipeg, Man.	.00
Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.	205.43
Holy Communion Congregation, Racine, Wis.	399.92
Holy Trinity Congregation, La Crosse, Wis.	160.78
Holy Trinity Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn.....	34.93
Holy Trinity Congregation, Superior, Wis.	17.80
Holy Trinity Congregation, Madison, Wis.	5.00
Memorial Congregation, St. Paul, Minn, ...	177.29
Oshkosh Mission, Oshkosh, Wis.	.30
Redeemer Congregation, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.	25.10
Redeemer Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis.	520.66
Redeemer Congregation, Livingston, Mont.	.00
Reformation Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis.	34.27
Salem Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn.	743.47
Salem Congregation, Albert Lea, Minn.	57.84
St. James Congregation, St. Paul, Minn.	276.65
St. Johns Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn.	327.44
St. Johns Congregation, Duluth, Minn.	146.29
St. Johns Congregation, Stacy, Minn.	14.99

St. Johns Congregation, Inwood, Man.	.00
St. Stephens Mission, St. Paul, Minn.	.00
St. Lukes Congregation, Goodhue, Minn.	75.33
St. Marks Congregation, Fargo, N. D.	75.99
St. Marks Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn.	147.41
St. Marks Congregation, North St. Paul, Minn.	61.78
St. Pauls Congregation, Red Wing, Minn.	323.01
St. Pauls Congregations, Waterloo, Wis.	9.83
St. Peters Congregations, Janesville, Wis.	190.70
Trinity Congregations, St. Paul, Minn.	267.14
Trinity Congregation, Lindstrom, Minn.	62.65
Sisters of Deaconess Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis.	90.53
Twin City Pastoral Association	74.36
Womans Home & Foreign Missionary Society of Central Conference	183.40
Repayment of Loan Herman Wennermark—Bills Receivable No. 1	115.00
Bills Payable Swedish Am. Nat. Bank No 6	250.00
Balance last report Synodical General Expenses	116.50
Balance last report Synodical Home Missions	187.84
Balance last report Synodical Delegate Traveling Expenses	.87
	$6173.94

DISBURSEMENTS.

Synodical General Expenses	$ 125.91
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	112.95
Synodical Home Missions	1124.45
Chicago Theological Seminary	1635.00
General Council Foreign Missions, India	533.43
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	183.26
General Council Home Missions, English	1065.95
General Council Slav Missions	17.00
General Council Church Extension	797.63
Orphans, Zelionople, Pa.	10.00
Orphans, Vasa, Minn.	28.85
Orphans, Joliet, Ill.	3.24
Institute of Protestant Deaconesses	8.50
Anti Saloon League	49.40
Seamans Friend Society	5.93
Minneapolis Inner Missions	20.00

Sunday-School Assn. Central Conference	8.38
Salt Lake City Mission	90.20
Fund remaining in Treasury—Beneficiary Education	123.03
Funds Remaining in Treasury—Synodical General Expenses	224.12
Funds Remaining in Treasury—Delegates Traveling Expenses	6.71
	$6,173.94

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL DELEGATES' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Old Balance	.87
Advent, Cedarburg, Wis.	3.99
Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.	7.92
English Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, Minn.	2.61
First Church, Platteville, Wis.	12.78
Grace, Kenosha, Wis.	14.78
Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	23.32
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.	2.55
Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.	.35
Memorial, St. Paul.	15.42
Redeemer, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	2.17
St. Johns, Stacy, Minn.	5.09
St. Johns, Duluth, Minn.	.95
St. Johns, Minneapolis, Minn.	1.00
St. Lukes, Goodhue, Minn.	13.72
St. Marks, Minneapolis, Minn.	4.28
St. Pauls, Red Wing, Minn.	2.12
Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.	5.74
	$119.66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Eng. Luth. Zumbrota, Minn.	$ 1.99
Eng. Luth. Cannon Falls, Minn.	5.19
Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.	.60
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	1.45
Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.	22.87
Redeemer, Sioux Falls,	11.33

Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.	3.33
Salem, Albert Lea, Minn.	10.00
St. James, St. Paul	13.33
St. Johns, Stacy, Minn.	3.95
St. Johns, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.98
St. Lukes, Goodhue, Minn.	5.02
St. Marks, Fargo, N. Dak.	2.82
St. Marks, North St. Paul, Minn.	2.61
St. Pauls, Waterloo, Wis.	1.93
Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.	7.65
Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.	12.90
Cash Balance	6.71
	$119.66

AMOUNTS STILL DUE FROM CONGREGATIONS, 1904.

First Church, Platteville, Wis.	$ 1.10

AMOUNTS STILL DUE FROM CONGREGATIONS, 1906.

St. Marks, North St. Paul	$ 3.82

AMOUNTS STILL DUE FROM CONGREGATIONS, 1907.

Atonement, Beloit, Wis.	$ 3.02
First Church, Winnipeg, Man.	2.53
Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis.	.73
Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	30.94
Redeemer, Livingston, Mont.	3.38
	$40.60

Until the above debtor congregations will pay amounts indicated; other congregations whom Synod is owing will have to remain unpaid.

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

From all sources and old balance	$ 350.03

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing of minutes	$ 77.00
Expressage on minutes	10.93
Expenses of President	10.53

Transcription of Protocol	5.00
Travelling expenses—President	22.45
Cash Balance	224.12
	$350.03

I beg to report that the following congregations have not paid anything or have only in part paid for the support of the Synod during the synodical year of 1907-1908 and are behind in their apportionment for this purpose as shown:

Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.	$11.83
St. Johns, Stacy,	4.80
St Marks, Minneapolis	8.56
Lutheran Church, Zumbrota, Minn	2.10
Salem, Albert Lea, Minn.	3.15
Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	35.91
First Church, Platteville, Wis.	19.04
St. Peters, Janesville, Wis.	1.00
Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.	3.29
Atonement, Beloit	3.85
Holy Trinity, Madison	2.52
St. Marks, Fargo	10.08
Redeemer, Livingston, Mont.	3.22
First Ch. Winnipeg, Man.	2.98

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

ACCOUNT. RECEIPTS.

From all sources, including Loan made for $350.00	
Bills payable No. 6	$1124.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. Gable, A/C North Shore Mission, Balance	$ 100.00
St. Marks, North St. Paul, Minn.	320.00
Epiphany, Milwaukee, (Windows)	40.00
Travelling Expenses, Rev. Zundel	5.65
Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis.	200.00
Lutheran Mission, Oshkosh, Wis.	53.79
Reformation Mission, Milwaukee, Wis	47.00
Bal. on old note Swedish Am. Nat. Bank, Bills Payable No. 4	175.00

Interest upon same	11.78
Payment on note Swedish Am. Nat. Bank, Bills Payable No. 6	171.23
	$1124.45

There is still due from Synod on above account, to Swedish Am. Nat. Bank Bills Payable No. 6....$	178.77
Accrued interest to date	13.88
	$192.65

The Treasurer would suggest that sufficient funds be set aside from the synodical General Expense balance to settle this indebtedness.

Securities of the Eng. Luth. Synod of the Northwest in the hands of the Treasurer.

Note and Mortgage from the trustees of St. Johns Church of Stacy, Minn., for $300.00, payable April 20, 1909, without interest.

For detailed statement of the congregations contributions see separate sheet herewith.

The Treasurer would urge all congregations to set aside the amounts of their apportionment on the several days appointed by Synod when such contributions should be made up and forwarded. Very few of our churches pay any attention to the synodical recommendation on this point, but it would be for the good of all should the pastors and treasurers of our churches give this matter careful attention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SMITH,

Treasurer of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Dated June 24th, 1908.

Detailed Statement of Congregation's Contribution, Synodical Year, 1907-1908

	ON APPORTIONMENT												
	Synodical			General Council					Additional		Sp. Contribution		
	Gen. Expense	Trav. Expense	Home Missions	Church Extension	Home Missions	F. Mis. India	F. Mis. Porto R.	Slav. Missions	Chgo. Seminary	Ben'f'y. Ed.	Orphans Vasa	Salt L. City Miss.	TOTAL
Advent, Cedarburg	$ 2.66	$ 3.99	$ 12.30	.....	$ 6.00	$ 5.00	$ 2.00	.....	$ 35.90	.....	.....	$ 4.00	$ 71.85
Atonement, Beloit	.....	.....	.....	$ 31.15	25.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	78.15
Eng. Luth., Cannon Falls	4.34	2.61	.95	2.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.92	.....	.....	.....	18.86
Epiphany, Milwaukee	9.80	7.92	32.00	40.00	14.35	5.58	.....	.....	25.41	.....	.....	1.00	†144.56
Eng. Luth., Zumbrota	.....	.....	2.10	3.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.58	.....	.....	.....	20.87
First Ch., Platteville	.....	12.78	4.00	10.17	173.20	15.00	.....	.....	144.00	.....	.....	.....	359.15
First Ch., Winnipeg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace Cr., Kenosha	14.42	14.78	37.25	23.30	25.00	32.50	8.40	.....	43.85	.....	.....	.....	*205.43
Holy Com., Racine	28.28	23.32	.....	50.00	85.00	40.00	20.00	.....	153.32	.....	.....	.....	399.92
Holy Trin., La Crosse	11.69	.35	11.76	36.25	25.20	30.59	10.00	.....	30.79	4.15	.....	.....	160.78
Holy Trin., Minneapolis	2.38	2.55	2.72	11.00	.....	3.40	1.70	.....	10.50	.68	.....	.....	34.93
Holy Trin., Superior	.....	.....	2.65	.....	8.25	4.00	2.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.80
Memorial, St. Paul	23.87	15.42	26.00	40.00	20.50	23.00	11.50	.....	17.00	.....	.....	.....	177.29
Redeemer, Livingston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Redeemer, Milwaukee	.....	.....	19.35	10.00	119.25	24.00	15.00	.....	304.82	.....	.....	25.00	††520.66
Redeemer, Sioux Falls	2.03	2.17	7.65	4.00	2.00	5.25	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.10
Reformation, Milwaukee	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.75	6.00	4.14	.....	14.38	.....	.....	.....	34.27
Salem, Minneapolis	24.08	.....	198.66	135.00	166.53	61.00	27.00	15.00	71.00	.....	15.00	20.20	**743.47
St. James, St. Paul	13.30	.....	16.00	75.00	40.00	20.00	10.00	2.00	91.50	.....	8.85	.....	276.65
St. John's, Minneapolis	15.75	1.00	32.55	50.90	34.36	20.00	7.75	.....	107.35	.....	.....	.....	‡327.44
St. John's, Duluth	12.34	.95	25.00	17.30	40.70	15.00	10.00	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	**156.29
St. John's, Stacy	.....	5.09	.....	2.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	14.99
St. Stephen's, St. Paul	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Luke's, Goodhue	5.25	13.72	2.25	9.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.11	.....	.....	.....	.75.33
St. Marks, Fargo	.....	.....	.....	11.01	15.00	29.98	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	75.99
St. Marks, Minneapolis	4.77	4.28	11.75	18.87	20.24	30.00	9.50	.....	48.00	.....	.....	.....	147.41
St. Marks, St. Paul	6.37	.....	15.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	10.41	.....	.....	.....	61.78
St. Paul's Red Wing	24.36	2.12	12.75	45.84	22.50	19.67	7.62	.....	168.15	.....	5.00	15.00	323.01
St. Paul's, Waterloo	2.87	.....	3.25	.....	1.16	2.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.83
St. Peter's, Janesville	11.25	.....	13.00	16.00	32.00	16.00	8.00	.....	91.25	3.20	.....	.....	190.70
Trinity, St. Paul	13.72	.....	14.31	116.21	27.08	23.59	.....	.....	72.23	.....	.....	.....	267.14
Trinity, Lindstrom	.....	5.74	.....	.....	3.88	4.03	.....	.....	49.00	.....	.....	.....	62.65
Deaconess Motherhouse, Mil.	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	48.75	.....	.....	16.78	.....	.....	.....	‡‡90.53
T. C. Pastoral Ass'n	.....	.....	74.36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74.36
W. H. & F. M. Soc. Cent. Con.	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.00	16.00	17.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	173.40
Holy Trinity, Madison	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Salem, Albert Lea	.....	.....	4.00	13.50	14.00	10.24	8.35	.....	7.75	.....	.....	.....	57.84
St. John's, Inwood, Man.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh Mission, O.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.30
Totals	$233.53	$118.79	$586.61	$797.63	$1065.95	$533.43	$183.26	$ 17.00	$1635.00	$ 8.03	$ 28.85	$ 90.20	$5403.73

‡‡Orphan's Zellenople, $10.00 ††Orphan's Joliet, $3.24 †Protestant Deaconessch, $8.50 ‡S.S. Ass'n Conf, $8.38 *Seamen's Fund, $6.93 ‡Anti-Saloon League, $49.40 **Wp'ls Inner Miss, $10.00

Ministers Aid Fund

Advent, Cedarburg	$ .00	
Atonement, Beloit	.00	
Eng. Luth. Cannon Falls	.00	
Epiphany, Milwaukee	5.00	
First Ch. Platteville	.00	
First Ch. Winnipeg	.00	
Grace Ch. Kenosha	21.50	
Holy Communion, Racine	16.23	
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	20.75	
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	.00	
Holy Trinity, Superior	.00	
Holy Trinity, Madison	2.24	
Memorial, St. Paul	22.60	
Redeemer, Livingston,	.00	
Redeemer, Milwaukee	.00	
Redeemer, Sioux Falls	2.33	
Redeemer, Zumbrota	.00	
Reformation, Milwaukee	.00	
Salem, Minneapolis	20.00	
Salem, Albert Lea	11.65	
St. James', St. Paul	13.00	
St. John's, Minneapolis	25.00	
St. John's, Duluth	.00	
St. John's, Stacy	.00	
St. John's, Inwood	.00	
St. Luke's, Goodhue	.00	
St. Mark's, Fargo	.00	
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	14.00	
St. Mark's, No. St. Paul	3.00	
St. Paul's, Red Wing	12.72	
St. Paul's, Waterloo	.00	
St. Peter's, Janesville	19.53	
Trinity, St. Paul	8.93	
Trinity, Lindstrom	.00	$218.48
Rev. Geo. S. Yost	.00	
Rev. Paul H. Roth	3.00	
Rev. Willis Beck	4.00	
Rev. G. K. Rubrecht	.00	
Rev. H. K. Gebhart	.00	
Rev. P. E. Baisler	5.00	

Rev. Wm. Eckert	5.00	
Rev. J. J. Clemens	.00	
Rev. W. H. Gable	4.00	
Rev. Howard R. Gold	3.50	
Rev. A. J. D. Haupt	.00	
Rev. C. B. Lindtwed	4.00	
Rev. W. K. Frick	.00	
Rev. R. W. Yeany	2.00	
Rev. G. H. Trabert	7.50	
Rev. John Keehley	5.50	
Rev. G. H. Schnur	6.00	
Rev. A. F. Elmquist	7.50	
Rev. J. L. Murphy	.00	
Rev. C. W. Valentine	.00	
Rev. August Olson	.00	
Rev. John A. Zundel	.00	
Rev. L. F. Gruber	.00	
Rev. R. A. Helms	.00	
Rev. A. J. Reichert	5.00	
Rev. A. C. Peterson	.00	
Rev. W. P. Christy	9.00	
Rev. O. S. Yerger	4.50	
Rev. L. Kirk	3.00	
Rev. F. E. Jensen	7.50	$86.00
		$304.48
Like amount from Mr. C. A. Smith in accordance with pledge	$304.48	
Interest on Bills Receivable No. 1 from C. A. Smith Timber Co.	30.13	
Total receipts from all sources		$639.09
Old banlance from last year		470.84
Total on hand		$1109.93

On motion the report of the Treasurer was received and referred to an audting committee to be subsequently appointed.

Election of Officers

The President appointed as tellers: Revs. Willis Beck and P. E. Baisler and Mr. Theo. Bakke.

The ballot resulted in the re-election of all officers of Synod.

President, Rev. Albert J. Reichert.

Secretary, Rev. John Keehley.

Treasurer, Hon. C. A. Smith.

Owing to the fact that no parochial report had been sent in from the Lindstrom Congregation, the chairman of the parochial report committee requested the privilege to substitute the financial part of the report of statistics of 1907. Upon motion this privilege was granted.

The Rev. G. H. Schnur gave notice of a proposed change in Art. 2, of By-Laws, which was upon motion decided to be the first order or business in the second session of Synod.

The chair recognizing the presence of the Revs. J. C. Kunzman and Geo. Drach, they were upon motion granted the privilege of the floor.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. Trabert, to convene at 2 o'clock in a meeting of the Ministerium.

SECOND SESSION

Thursday, June 26th, 2: 45 P. M.

Meeting opened with devotional service, conducted by the Rev. R. W. Yeany. Roll was called and minutes of the first session read and approved.

The report of the Ministerium at this, and the next session of the convention, brought the following applications before the Synod, to-wit:

Mr. Paul L. Kunzmann for ordination and the Revs. Howard R. Gold; Charles B. Lindtwed; L. Franklin Gruber; William S. Ulrich; Luther B. Deck and William F. Bacher for reception into Synod. Following formal action on each name, the same were presented to Synod by the chairman of the Examining Committee, and most heartily welcomed by the President of Synod.

The following resolution was presented by the Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, and adopted item by item then as a whole:

Resolved,—That Article II, By-Laws, section 7, be amended as follows:

(1) That the words "at least" be inserted before the number of members in items a, b, c, d, e, and f.

(2) That a new item be inserted after f, viz. "g. On the reports and minutes of Conferences, at least three members."

The reports of the Eastern and Central Conferences were read and referred to the proper committee.

Report of the Eastern Conference

The Eastern Conference respectfully submits the following report .. its work during the past synodical year:

At the meeting held June 7, in St. Peter's Church, Janesville, the following officers were elected: Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.,President, Rev. P. E. Baisler, Secretary, Mr. James Harms, Member of Executive Committee of Synod.

Two regular conventions were held—one at the Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, October 10—12; and the other with St. John's Congregation, Oshkosh, April 22—24.

The communion service was held Oct. 10, at 4 P. M. The sermon was preached by Rev. Paul H. Roth. At the evening service Oct. 10, the Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D. D., of the Chicago Seminary, preached the sermon, with the theme, "The Proper Conception of the Church, the Only Solution of Certain Perplexing Problems."

The morning session, Oct. 11, was held with the Church of the Reformation, 3412, Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee.

The President in his lengthy report spoke of the splendid progress made by the Church of the Epiphany and the fine prospects for the Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee; (The latter has since been regularly organized with 105 charter members), also of the promising beginnings made at Afton, Marshall, Madison and Oshkosh, all of which reminds us of the demand for distinctively English Lutheran congregations and the urgent need of more men and means. The President also reminded the pastors of conference of the recent changes in the marriage laws of Wisconsin. He also

urged the importance of the plan of the Home Mission Committee of the General Council to hold meetings in centrally located cities in the interest of the Forward Home Mission Movement.

The following subjects were discussed: 1. Need of Consecration. 2. The Pastor's Temptations. 3. Necessity of Private Devotion. 4. Best Methods of City Mission Work.

The convention of Conference was followed by a Sunday School Convention at which the following subjects were considered: 1. The Ideal S. S. Teacher. 2. The Ideal S. S. Scholar. 3. The Primary Department. 4. Wonderland. 5. Workland. 6. Pictureland. 7. Practical Exemplification of Primary Work.

The Oshkosh Convention was held in the G. A. R. Hall, 70 Merritt St.

At the opening service Dr. Frick, in his President's Address, gave a pithy review of English Lutheranism in general and of the work of the Synod of the Northwest in particular. Rev. W. P. Christy spoke on "The Church Book as a Text Book."

Conference was honored with the presence of the President of Synod who installed the Rev. Charles B. Lindtwed, pastor of St. John's.

Mr. Frank C. Hemsing, secretary of the Wisconsin Committee of the Forward Home Mission Movement of the General Council, reported that the committee had made an effort to secure pledges for the support of a Field Missionary for the State of Wisconsin, and that their efforts had met with considerable encouragement.

The following resolution was passed: That the efforts to secure the appointment by the General Council Board of a Field Missionary for the State of Wisconsin be conducted hereafter in the name of this conference, and that a committee of five, to be known as the Wisconsin Missionary Committee, be appointed annually to have charge of the matter, and to engage an agent to solicit pledges for the fund.

The President's Report showed all the Congregations of conference supplied with pastors and making commendable progress.

The President urged the pastors of conference to extend

a hearty welcome to the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., who will come to us in the interests of General Council publications. The importance of continued co-operation on the part of our Luther Leagues with the State League was also urged.

Papers and addresses on the following subjects were presented:

1. Duties of Lutheran Pastors to One Another. 2. Revivals. 3. Today in India. 4 Characteristics of a Growing Church. 5. The Holy Spirit's Work in the Church of Today. 6. Duties of a Church Councilman.

Following the meeting of Conference a S. S. Convention was held.

The following rules were adopted: 1. That a S. S. Convention shall be held in connection with each regular meeting of conference, except the meeting held at time of synod meeting. 2. That the convention occupy the period of one day. 3. That each S. S., be entitled to four delegates besides the pastor. 4. That a committee on S. S., convention be appointed by conference for one year. 5. That the committee shall elect the temporary officers and the convention the officers for the day.

The subjects discussed were: 1. Should a Pastor Have Permanent Charge of a S. S. Class. 2. Bible Story. 3. Bible Readings. 4. Teachers' Visitation. 5. Teachers' Vacations. 6. Relation of the Church Council to the S. S.

Conference will hold its fall meeting with the Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, the Rev. George O. Jost, pastor.

W. K. FRICK, President.
P. E. BAISLER, Secretary.

Report of the Central Conference

Conference held three meetings during the past synodical year. At the first meeting, in connection with Synod at Janesville, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., was elected President; Rev. Willis Beck was elected Secretary-Treasurer; and Judge Andrew Holt as its member of the Executive Committee of Synod.

The second meeting was held in St. Mark's church, Fargo, Nov. 5—7. The President preached the sermon at the communion service.

From the president's report Conference learned with great pleasure of the progress which the Woman's H. & F. M. Society is making, heartily endorsed their work, and urged the forming of such societies in every congregation where it is possible. With great interest it was informed likewise of the beginning of Inner Mission work within its borders, which was made possible through the generous gift of Hon. C. A. Smith, by helping to secure a building for this work in Minneapolis. The necessity of complying with the recommendation of Synod in regard to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was heartily recommended to our pastors and congregations. An item was adopted of the report recommending to each congregation a thorough study of the field and its needs in an endeavor to create greater interest in missionary work in this most promising Home Mission territory.

The subjects that claimed the attention of this meeting were:

Study of Epistle for 24th Sun. after Trinity—Col. 1: 9-14.

The Present Needs of Our Church, Especially in the Northwest.

Christian Unity vs. Modern Church Unionism.

The Need of, and the Duty of All Men to the Church.

Article VIII Augsburg Confession.

The Use and Necessity of the Means of Grace.

Study of the Gospel for 24th Sun. after Trinity—Matt. 9: 18—26.

Worldliness in Different Forms:

a. Sunday Desecration and Worldly Pleasures.
b. The Influence of Present Day Materialism on the Church.

The late meeting of the General Council.

This meeting of Conference was considered so interesting and instructive that abstracts of its proceedings and addresses were ordered printed to be distributed amongst the congregations.

The last meeting of the year was held in St. John's church, Minneapolis, May 12—14, 1908. This being the 25th anniversary of English Lutheranism in Minnesota, the President

preached an historical sermon the first evening when the Lord's Supper was administered. The movement which is now represented by 60 congregations with 7000 members, at that time consisted of 1 congregation with 7 members.

Papers and addresses on the following subjects were given:

Consideration of the resolution, "That Conference suggest to congregations to have special meetings to consider conditions relative to the people under the respective charges, at which meetings pastors loci invite other pastors to participate.

Article IX—Augsburg Confession.

English Lutheran Missions in the Northwest.

How to Secure and Train Boys for the Ministry.

Why am I a Lutheran.

A World of Opportunities for the Lutheran Church in America.

How can we best advance the interests of English Lutheranism in the Northwest.

Study of the Gospel for Cantate Sunday—John 16: 5—16.

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's H. & F. M. Society met in the basement of the church. It also had a meeting in St. Paul's, Red Wing in September. Although youthful, this society reports a steady increase in its membership and progress in practical Missionary work.

Thursday afternoon and evening the S. S. Convention of Conference was held. Interesting subjects were presented and discussed, but the one of most practical importance was that relating to a summer school for S. S. Teachers and Officers and other Church Workers. Action was taken to see whether such a school could be started in Minneapolis this summer, in as much as there were two congregations that offered to defray the expenses of Dr. Schmauk to come and be the lecturer.

GEORGE H. TRABERT, President.
WILLIS BECK, Secretary.

Report of the Archivarius

The Archivist has systematically arranged and filed all the minutes, papers and documents of the archives. After considerable correspondence the files of the minutes are again complete. More copies of the years '92, '02, '03, '04, are needed if they are in existence.

A complete set of minutes was sent to the General Council Archives.

Chicago Theological Seminary.

Philadelphia Theological Seminary.

The sets of the "Ministerium Historical Society" and the "State Historical Society of Wisconsin" were completed.

Respectfully submitted,

G. KELLER RUBRECHT.

On motion the above report was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

On motion of Dr. Elmquist a file of the minutes was ordered sent to Gustavus Adolphus College.

With reference to the material left in the care of Rev. G. H. Schnur by the Rev. Dr. Haupt it was upon motion

Resolved that all the material for the archives, temporarily in the care of Rev. G. H. Schnur, having been received from the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., be gathered up and sent to the Archivarius, and all expense borne by the Synod.

Report of the Board of Control

of Ministers' and Ministers' Widow's and Orphans' Fund

The amount of the fund at the beginning of the Synodical year was in the form of a note, made payable on demand, by the C. A. Smith Timber company for $470.84, interest at 6%.

In December last a circular letter was sent to every pastor of the Synod requesting that the attention of the congregations be called to this fund at their annual meetings. It was also stated that it was the opinion of the Board that when the Synod has taken action in a matter, a sense of honor and of loyalty should impel every minister and congregation to, as far as lies in their power, comply with such action. More-

over, when it regards a matter so important as the support of ministers in their old age, or when disabled, or the needed support of widows and orphans of those who have devoted their lives to the service of the church, to refuse to aid the cause seems to show a lack of sympathy, in conflict with the spirit of the gospel.

The expense for sending the circular letter was borne by the board, and not one cent was taken from the fund for expenses of any character.

The following congregations responded before the close of the Synodical year: Central Conference; St. John's, Minneapolis; Salem, Minneapolis; St. Mark's, Minneapolis; Memorial, St. Paul; St. James, St. Paul; Trinity, St. Paul; Red Wing; Holy Trinity, La Crosse; Salem, Albert Lea; Church of the Redeemer, Sioux Falls, S. D. and St. Mark's, North St. Paul for 1906—7.

From the Eastern Conference: Holy Communion, Racine; St. Peter's, Janesville, for 1906-7 and 1907-8; Grace, Kenosha, for 1906-7, and 1907-8; Epiphany, Milwaukee, and Holy Trinity, Madison. The pastors who sent in their contributions before the closing of the books of the Treasurer, were: Revs. P. E. Baisler, A. J. Reichert, G. H. Schnur, W. P. Christy, O. S. Yerger, J. Keehley, Willis Beck, H. R. Gold, R. W. Yeaney, C. B. Lindtwed, Paul H. Roth, F. E. Jensen, W. Eckert, W. H. Gable, Drs. Trabert and Elmquist, and Rev. L. Kirk for 1906-7. We have been informed that a number of pastors and congregations sent in their quota since the closing of the books for the year, which will come in next year's report, but the moneys will be invested as soon as the Board can have a meeting after the close of Synod. Pastors and Treasurers of congregations should see to it that all moneys for this fund be sent in before the closing of the Treasurer's books as prescribed by Synod, so that credit can be given for the past year.

The thanks of the Synod are due Mr. Smith for the contribution of $304.48, doubling the amount contributed by pastors and congregations so that the fund now contains $1109.93 which was again invested with the C. A. Smith Timber Co., and a note taken with interest at 6%.

At the last meeting of your Board it was resolved that the Synod be requested to instruct the Board that a circular be

sent out to the congregations and pastors each year before their annual meetings, calling attention to this fund.

It is a matter of congratulation that such a good beginning has been made in the gathering of this fund and that so many of the pastors and congregations have shown their interest in the responses made.

Respectfully submitted,

N. O. WERNER, President.
GEORGE H. TRABERT, Secretary.
C. A. SMITH, Treasurer.

P. S. The time of Rev. Geo. H. Trabert and Mr. Otto Monson expires with this convention, and their successors should be elected.

The report was upon motion received and adopted with the following resolutions:

Resolved 1—That the financial part of the report be referred to the auditing committee of Synod.

2.—That the Board be authorized, at the expense of Synod, to issue an annual circular to the various congregations of Synod, relative to this Fund.

Upon the expiration of the terms of the two officers of the Board, namely Dr. Trabert and Mr. Otto Monson, Synod chose by ballot the same two brethren to succeed themselves for the term of three years.

The hour for the "Special order of the day" having arrived, the Rev. A. C. Petersen presented a scholarly paper on "The Church." The paper provoked an animated and profitable discussion which was entered into by many of the brethren.

The President appointed the following committees:

On President's Report: Revs. H. K. Gebhart, A. F. Elmquist, G. H. Schnur, C. B. Lindtwed and Messrs. J. E. Nelson, T. Evjen, H. W. Knauff.

Reception of Congregations: Revs. P. E. Baisler, Willis Beck, L. F. Gruber and Messrs. H. J. Johnson, W. T. Eckels.

Auditing Committee: Messrs. Frank Berg, C. A. Victor and Theo. Bakke.

Apportionment: Revs. F. E. Jensen, G. K. Rubrecht, H. R. Gold and Messrs. J. C. Mueller, P. A. Pedersen.

Protocol and Printed Minutes: Revs. J. J. Clemens, W. H. Gable, O. S. Yerger, Wm. Eckert and Messrs. Chas. Kuentzel, C. T. Kelly, Frank Austin.

Excuse Committee: Revs. R. A. Helms, R. W. Yeany, and Messrs. A. G. Johnson, Oilver Peterson.

Conference Committee: Revs. J. A. Zundel, A. C. Peterson, W. S. Ulrich, and Messrs. A. P. Christensen, O. L. Benson.

Press Committee: Rev. W. P. Christy, L. B. Deck and Mr. W. A. Schwalbe.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. S. Ulrich.

THIRD SESSION

Friday, June 26th, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Ulrich. The roll was called and the minutes of the second session were read, corrected and adopted as corrected.

The chair recognizing, at this and subsequent sessions of Synod, the presence of the Revs. Prof. John Telleen, D. D., A. C. Anda, Geo. Drach, E. G. Chinlund, Prof. E. F. Krauss, D. D., O. S. Meland and Mr. Saage, and upon motion the same were respectively accorded the privileges of the floor

Report of the Executive Committee

The principal matter which claimed the attention of the Executive Committee during the year was the care of the Mission at N. St. Paul. Soon after the adjournment of the Synod at Janesville a committee visited N. St. Paul to confer with the Church Council, at which meeting the Rev. L. Kirk tendered his resignation. The Rev. R. A. Helms was recommended as a suitable successor and was soon afterwards elected pastor. It was urged upon the congregation that they secure their own church property. We have been informed that negotiations are now pending, looking to the purchase of the church in which they have been worshiping since the organization of the congregation. The Mission at N. St. Paul is now in a better condition than it has been throughout its whole history.

The Executive Committee also arranged a program for this meeting of Synod which has already been adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. REICHERT,
GEORGE H. TRABERT,
W. K. FRICK,
JOHN KEEHLEY.

On motion the report was received, and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Report of the Delegates to the General Council

The 31st Convention of the General Council was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D. D., pastor, September 12—17, 1907. There were 115 Clerical and 79 Lay Delegates, a total of 194. This Synod was represented by three clerical and one lay delegate. The statistics show that the General Body consists of 1,497 ministers, 2,347 congregations and 456,429 communicants.

This being the 40th anniversary of the founding of the General Council, the President naturally dwelt at length upon the growth, achievements and influence of our general body, and reviewed comprehensively the progress made during the past 40 years.

1. The report of the English Home Mission Board showed that during the biennium nine missions were transfered to the self-sustaining list and that six self-sustaining parishes had been established. Also that 31 missions are still being assisted by the Board.

The contributions during the biennium were $30,470.37, of which amount, $1,278.79 was contributed by this Synod.

The total number of ministers in the General Council is 823, with 397 missionaries, 44,943 communicant members, 29,911 Sunday School scholars, and property valued at $2,168,953.00.

At this convention it was decided that the General Superintendent, the Field Secretaries and the Secretaries of the Church Extension Society arrange an itinerary of the various Synods, in order to arouse more interest in this important phase of the Church's activity than has yet been manifested.

The plan for the unification of the English Home Missions was finally adopted.

2. The report of the Foreign Mission Board gives a general summary of work of the biennium. It indicated that general progress has been made in the Foreign field and that the various departments are in good condition. One new missionary has been added to the force in the person of Dr. Amy Rohrer of Lancaster, Pa. Contributions for the biennium were $73,595.00. This Synod contributed $991.46.

3. The Board of Slav Missions reported that Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., had been called by the Board to superintend the missions among the Slavs, and that he had accepted the call. Dr. Ramer will enter upon the work after spending some time in Hungary familiarizing himself with the Slovak language. The Board requested that $4,000 be apportioned among the different Synods of the General Council, for this work. This Synod is apportioned $50.00.

4. The Church Extension Society reports a capital of $134,708.87. During the biennium new loans to the amount of $17,408.00 were made.

5. The Board of Publication reported that the total receipts for the biennium were $168,015.05. The value of the property held by the Board is $123,835.30.

6. The Porto Rico Missions include three organized congregations with a communicant membership of 143. Receipts during the biennium were $8,415.85. Sexagesima Sunday was set apart for offerings for the Porto Rican work.

7. Inner Missions received careful and thorough consideration. The Committee on Inner Missions was instructed to appoint a suitable person as General Secretary, whose duty it shall be to travel about in the General Council presenting the cause to the various congregations, and also to assist in organizing the work.

8. The request of this Synod for a common musical setting for the "Common Service" was presented, and referred to the Committee on Church Music, with instructions to report at the next convention of the General Council.

9. The Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity of the General Council were reiterated in clear cut and com-

prehensive theses. The relation of the General Council to the General Synod was discussed in a series of theses, presented by Dr. Jacobs.

10. The following annual apportionments were made to this Synod of the Northwest:

Home Missions	$1000.00
Porto Rico	500.00
Slavonian	50.00

11. The next convention will be held in Salem Church, Minneapolis, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., pastor, beginning on the second Thursday in September, 1909.

A. J. REICHART,
W. K. FRICK,
H. K. GEBHART.

On motion the report was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The following was then adopted:

Resolved, that the first item of business for the afternoon session be that portion of the report from the committee on President's report, relating to the "Unification Plan" of English Home Missions.

Report of the Joint Committee of the English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest and the Minnesota Conference on Educational Work

The joint committee submits the following report for adoption by the two bodies:

Resolved that the English Ev. Lutheran Synod of the Northwest and the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod co-operate in educational work on tne following conditions:

A. That the Minnesota Conference agrees to give to the English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest a representation of one member on each of the educational boards of the Minnesota Conference. Such members are to be nominated by the

English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest and elected by the Minnesota Conference.

B. That the English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest recommends that its young people attend the educational institutions of the Minnesota Conference and the English Luth. Synod of the Northwest will continue to give these institutions its moral support.

C. The English Luth. Synod of the Northwest will endeavor to raise an annual sum amounting to ten (10) cents per communicant member for educational work within the Minnesota Conference.

Resolved that this plan shall go into operation as soon as adopted by the English Luth. Synod of the Northwest and the Minnesota Conference.

For the English Luth. Synod of the Northwest:	A. J. REICHERT, C. A. SMITH, GEORGE H. TRABERT, GEORGE H. SCHNUR, A. F. ELMQUIST, F. VICTOR EKHOLM.
For the Minnesota Conference:	J. P. UHLER, E. O. STONE, C. G. SCHULZ, ERLAND LIND.

On motion the report was received, and adopted "ad siriatim" then as a whole.

The Secretary of Synod was thereupon instructed to notify the committee from the Minnesota Conference of the Synod's action.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Wm. Eckert.

FOURTH SESSION

Friday, June 26, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. L. B. Deck.

The roll was called and the minutes of the third session were read and approved.

On motion the report of the "Parochial Report" Committee was made the order following that of the consideration of the Unification plan of English Home Missions.

Upon the consideration of the "Unification Plan" the following was adopted:

Whereas the Synods of the General Council have adopted the Unification Plan of its English Home Mission Work and

Whereas the General Council has given the same its endorsement, be it:

Resolved that we proceed to put the action of the General Council into effect, as far as our Synod is concerned. Be it further

Resolved that the action of this Synod taken in 1901 asking for a special offering for Synodical Home Missions on Whitsunday of each year, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

1. The remarkable growth of the Church, as described by the President in his annual report is cause for heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God. Especially is to be emphasized the fact that this growth is secured by the accession of the unchurched, and not by transfers from other Lutheran churches.

2. The addition of seven clerical members of Synod is a striking illustration that the day of small things is past.

3. The 25th anniversary of this founding was celebrated by St. John's, Minneapolis, in May; by St. Paul's, Red Wing, in June; and will be celebrated by Memorial in July.

4. On the death of Mrs. J. J. Clemens, Be it resolved, That in the death of this talented Christian woman, the bereaved husband has lost a faithful and loving companion, and the stricken parents, a kind and an affectionate daughter. St. Paul's Church, Red Wing and Holy Trinity, La Crosse, appreciative of her services, both feel deeply the early demise of this their beloved and efficient co-worker. The entire Synod bows in humble submission to the Father in Heaven. May the bereaved ones find solace in the presence of the loving Saviour whom they serve and whose they are.

5. The Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, has the phenomenal record of 105 charter members. Attention is here

called to the self-sacrificing pastor and people of the Church of the Redeemer, in the transfer of the large number, namely 48, communicants to the new congregation.

6. "The Minister's and Minister's Widows' and Orphans' Fund" is heartily commended and each pastor and congregation, urged to co-operate in the establishing of the same.

7. We recommend that the name of Rev. L. K. Mavarmates be dropped from the roll of Synod.

8. We recommend that the Womans' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Central Conference be requested to prepare for publication in the printed minutes of Synod, a brief report of its annual convention. We commend this movement, to all Conferences.

9. We recommend that Synod request each pastor and congregation to give the official representative of the Board of Publication, the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., their co-operation, and welcome on the occasion of his visit to the various parishes of Synod, and that the Executive Committee prepare a plan of operations.

10. We recommend that the apportionments placed upon Synod by the General Council be apportioned to the parishes, in such a manner, that each item thereof be specified, and each object mentioned.

11. On the Unification Plan, we recommend:

a) That Synod elect the one member of tne English Home Mission Board.

b) That the Synodical Home Mission Board, (the Executive Committee) shall transmit its recommendations and suggestions to the General Board, through the General Superintendent.

c) That Synod appoint a committee of at least three in each Conference, whose duty it shall be to transmit to the Synodical Board such missionary information and recommendations as may be in possession of the Conference Committee concerning its own district.

d) Resolved, 1st, That two offerings be lifted annually for Home Missions, one on Reformation Sunday; the other on Whitsunday.

2nd, That we instruct our Apportionment Committee to apportion $1,400.00 for Home Missions.

3rd, That we instruct our Treasurer to pay over the first offerings to the Board of English Home missions of the General Council, until $1,000.00, the amount of our Synod's apportionment this year, shall have been remitted, the remainder of the year's offering for Home Missions shall be held subject to the order of the Synodical Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. GEBHART,
A. F. ELMQUIST,
GEORGE H. SCHNUR,
C. B. LINDTWED,
J. E. NELSON,
T. EVJEN,
H. W. KNAUFF.

Committee:

On motion the report was received, and considered item by item and adopted in the above form.

"The Laymen's Movement"

was presented in a well prepared paper by the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, and the same was thoroughly discussed, resulting in the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That Synod refer the topic "The Laymen's Movement" to the next meeting of Conferences.

2. That the program Committees be authorized to have this topic presented by some lay-man or lay-men of the Conference.

On motion the following resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Frick were adopted:

Resolved—That a Committee of three be appointed to propose rules for recommendation to parishes composed of two or more congregations, with reference to the mutual relations of said congregations as to Synodical representation, salary of pastor, etc.

Resolved—That a Committee, of which the Archivarius

shall be chairman, be appointed to duplicate for the second decade the Synodical history compiled by Dr. Haupt.

Resolved—That the Synodical Treasurer decline to receive moneys for any other than church purposes.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann.

FIFTH SESSION

Saturday, June 27, 9 A. M.

The Matin service was conducted by the Rev. H. R Gold. The roll was called and the minutes of the fourth session read and adopted.

The report of the parochial report committee was presented with the explanation that the report was not complete, owing to the fact that some congregations had not as yet sent in their local reports. The report was received and considered. Upon motion the report was referred back to the committee with permission to complete the same within ten days after the adjournment of Synod.

The parochial report committee submitted an amended parochial report blank according to resolution of 1907. The report was received for consideration.

On motion it was decided to adjourn the afternoon session at three o'clock in order to accept an invitation from the entertainment committee of the congregation, to enjoy a launch ride on the Mississippi River.

Pending the discussion on the parochial report blanks, the meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Wm. P. Christy.

SIXTH SESSION

Saturday, June 27, 2 P. M.

Meeting opened with devotions conducted by the Rev. Geo. H. Schnur. The roll was called and the minutes of the fifth session read and approved.

The afternoon session was devoted to the further consideration of the amended parochial report blank.

The hour having arrived for the launch ride the meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Wm. F. Bacher.

SEVENTH SESSION

Monday, June 29, 9 A. M.

The Matin service was conducted by the Rev. Chas. B. Lindtwed. The roll was called and the minutes of the sixth session read and adopted.

The further consideration of the report of the committee on the amended Parochial report blanks was the first business in order. The report having been adopted by items was adopted as a whole on the following form with the recommendations appended.

Report of the Standing Committee on Statistics and Parocial Reports

Your Committee offers the following report:

I. Parochial Statistics; Table No. II. See pages 62, 63.

II. Parochial Finances; Table No. III. See pages 64, 65.

III. Church Organizations; Table No. IV. See pages 66, 67.

From the parochial reports and the above mentioned statistical tables we glean several interesting facts. Thirty pastors served 35 congregations. The latter own 22 church buildings and 6 parsonages. Their property is valued at $275,-300, on which there is an indebtedness of $87,500. The increase of local expenditures over those of last year was nearly $10,000; the increase of property valuation was over $13,000; while the increase of indebtedness in the whole synod was only $4,000.. In 1907, the synod numbered 5,112 (corrected total) communicant members. During the year, there were 635 losses and 1,199 gains; a net gain of 564, making the total communicant membership at present, 5,676. Our pastors baptized 459 infants.

Please read over carefully the columns marked net gain,

loss, and the footings for 1907 and 1908 with those marked "increase" and "decrease."

The committee express the hope that pastors will, in the future, exercise greater care in making their reports exactly correct in every detail.

Your Committee was also instructed to revise the statistical blanks. We secured parochial blank forms and copies of minutes from all the synods of the General Council, the common form used in the United Synod of the South, the common form used throughout the General Synod, besides those in many of the independent Synods. All these we have carefully compared; and offer, as the result, our own form amended, as shown below:

ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Parochial Report.

Adopted 1903, Amended 1908.

From Whitsunday ———19...., to Whitsunday ———19.....
NOTE— Use a separate blank for each congregation, mission or mission Sunday School.
Name of Congregation .....
..... Organized .....
Location .....

(Give Street, if named)

City or Town .....
County and State .....
Name and Address of Pastor .....
Year Ordained..... Year Entered Synod.....
Lot Purchased? .....Parsonage? .....
Church Erected .....Material .....

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Catechumens instructed during year .....
Number of Students for the Ministry .....
Number Communed during year .....

(Count each person but once)

Members now in good standing .....
Confirmed members at date last report .....
Accessions during year—
Infants Baptized .....———
By Adult Baptism .....———
By Confirmation .....———
From Lutheran Congs. .....———
By Renewal of Faith.....———

By Restoration .....———
Total Accessions .....———
Losses during the year—
By Death .....———
By Transfer .....———
Otherwise .....———
Total Losses .....———
Net gain (or loss) during year .....———
Present Confirmed membership .....———
Baptized children in congregation .....———
(See Minutes 1896, page 24)
Total Baptized membership .....———

FINANCES.

(Inclusive of those of Sunday School and Church Societies)

CONGREGATIONAL.

Value of Property .....$———
Indebtedness .....$———
Contributions for:
Current Expenses .....$———
Extraordinary Expenses .....$———
Total for Local Objects .....$———

BENEVOLENCE.

Synodical:
Synodical Expense .....$———
Traveling Expense .....$———
Ministerial Relief Fund .....$———
Chicago Seminary .....$———
Ministerial Education .....$———
General Council:
Home Missions .....$———
Church Extension .....$———
Foreign Missions .....$———
Porto Rico Missions .....$———
Slav Missions .....$———
Other Benevolence .....$———
Total Benevolence .....$———
Grand Total Contributions .....$———
Secretary of Congregation .....
Address .....
Lay Delegate to Synod .....
Address .....
Alternate .....
Number of copies of minutes wanted .....
Submitted by
..... Pastor

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.

Name.	Meetings.			Contributions.
	Weekly (W)	Bi-Wkly (Bw)	Monthly (M)	Number

Held Enrollment Average Attendance For
Local Objects For Benevolence
Sunday School
Woman's Societies
Luther Leagues

NOTA BENE:—The above report must be mailed to ....' Committee on Parochial Statistics not later than Monday after Trinity Sunday, ... (By Resolution of Synod)

We hereby certify that Mr.....and Mr..... have been duly elected delegate and alternate respectively, to represent .....at the .....annual
(Name of Church)
convention of Synod at .....
.....Pastor.
.....Secretary.

NOTE:—Please mail this credential to the Secretary of Synod not later than one week before the meeting of Synod. (Resolution of Synod).

We have also prepared tabular forms to be used in the printed minutes: "Parochial Statistics," "Parochial Finances," and "Church Organizations" which are herewith submitted. The latter table is to include the statistics of the Sunday Schools, Luther Leagues, Woman's Societies and other organizations of the churches.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the forms herewith submitted, "Parochial Statistics," "Parochial Finances," "Church Organizations," be and are hereby adopted for use in tabulating the returns for the printed minutes.

2. That the credential for lay-delegates be sent to the Secretary at least one week before the meeting of Synod.

3. That the Parochial Report be mailed to the "Standing Committee on Statistics and Parochial Reports" not later than the Monday after Trinity Sunday of each year; and that the Committee shall close their report and have the same ready for Synod on the first day immediately after the Treasurer's report.

4. That after this year, the apportionment for each congregation be calculated on the basis of the "Members now in good standing."

5. That your committee be authorized to have 500 copies

of the amended "Parochial Report" printed and that the expenses incurred by this committee be paid out of the "Synodical Expense" fund.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. ZUNDEL,
GEORGE H. SCHNUR,
JNO. J. CLEMENS.
Committee:

Adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee

Your Committee to whom was referred the treasurer's report, begs leave to report that we have examined the vouchers and books of the treasurer and have found them correct and neatly kept in every particular.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK BURG,
THEO. BAKKE,
J. S. McCURDY.

Upon motion the report was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

On motion of Dr. Trabert it was

Resolved that, in compliance with the request of the treasurer, the balance in the Synodical Expense Fund be transferred to the Synodical Home Mission Fund for the purpose of meeting the obligations of said Home Mission Fund.

Report of the Committee on Educational Institution

The "Joint Committee" appointed by the Chicago Synod and this Synod has held no meeting, but by frequent correspondence, the views of both committees have been discussed. Inasmuch, then, as neither part of the joint committee had any thing tangible to suggest, it was deemed not advisable to call a meeting of the above committee.

Your committee would report the following:

First: Your committee has been unable to decide upon any plan which would require immediate action.

Second: Recognizing the great importance of the question of an educational institution, we recommend the con-

tinuation of a committee on Educational Institution, whose duty it shall be to keep the subject before the Synod, and to report from time to time, such conditions and opportunities as may arise.

H. K. GEBHART,
W. P. CHRISTY.
Committee:

On motion the report was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Report of Committee on Reception of Congregations

Your committee respectfully reports that three Congregations have applied for membership in this Synod.

1. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Oshkosh, Wis.

2. Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis.

3. First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Middleton, Wis.

We have examined the constitutions of these congregations and find them in full accord with the constitution of Synod.

We recommend that these congregations be received.

Respectfully submitted,
P. E. BAISLER,
L. F. GRUBER,
WILLIS BECK,
Committee.

The report was received and adopted item by item then as a whole.

Report of Committee on Conferences

We your Committee would respectfully report as follows: The minutes of the Central Conference were not accessable. We have examined the minutes of the Eastern Conference and the reports of the Secretaries of both Conferences of Synod and would report the following:

1. Having examined the minutes of the Eastern Conference we find them properly recorded.

2. We heartily commend the action taken by the Eastern Conference in regard to a lecture course and would recommend that a similar plan be commended to all the congregations of Synod.

3. Whereas the following resolution was passed by the Eastern Conference:

"That the efforts to secure the appointment by the General Council Home Mission Board of a field missionary, for the State of Wisconsin, be conducted hereafter in the name of this Conference, and that a Committee of five, to be known as the Wisconsin "Missionary Committee" be appointed annually, to have charge of the matter, and to engage an agent to solicit pledges for the "Fund," be it

Resolved that we recommend that permission be granted the Eastern Conference to carry into effect the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. ZUNDEL,
W. S. ULRICH,

Committee.

The report was received and considered item by item. After having been recommitted, the report was finally adopted in the above form.

By resolution the President, Rev. A. J. Reichert was unanimously chosen to represent the English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, on the General Board of Home Missions of the General Council for the term of one year.

In the matter of nominating directors to represent the English Synod of the Northwest on the Board of "Gustavus Adolphus College," at St. Peter, Minn., and "The Minnesota College" at Minneapolis, Minn., respectively, the ballots resulted in the choice of Judge Andrew Holt, as Director on the Board of "Gustavus Adolphus College;" and the Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, as Director on the Board of "The Minnesota College."

Two invitations having been received for the next meeting of Synod, one from St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn., the other from Epiphany Church, Milwaukee, the same was decided by

ballot, resulting in the acceptation of the invitation from Epiphany Church, Milwaukee.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D.; Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.; Rev. H. K. Gebhart; Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D.; Rev. W. M. F. Bacher.

Parochial Reports.

Rev. J. A. Zundel; Rev. Geo. H. Schnur; Rev. L. F. Gruber.

Inner Missions.

Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D.; Rev. J. J. Clemens; Rev. Wm. Eckert.

Archivarius.

Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.

On motion it was

Resolved that 1800 copies of the printed minutes be ordered, and that at least one hundred copies be sent to the Archivarius.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Wm. Eckert.

EIGHTH SESSION

Monday, June 29, 2 P. M.

Meeting was called to order by the President. The roll was called and the minutes of the Seventh Session read and adopted.

In the matter of the appointment of a "Committee on Parishes" it was upon motion of the Rev. Dr. Frick

Resolved that the Rev. A. J. Reichert be a member of said Committee.

The President appointed the Revs. H. K. Gebhart and W. S. Ulrich, as additional members of the above Committee on Parishes.

Report of Committee on Excuses

The report of the excuse committee was presented by the chairman, the Rev. R. A. Helms. The report was received for consideration and upon motion the same was adopted and ordered tabulated with proper indications at the bottom of the "Roll of Synod." (See page 4)

Report of Committee on Inner Missions

There is no Inner Mission work done directly by our Synod, but the Synod is interested indirectly in this work.

In Milwaukee, Wis., is the Deaconess Mother house and the hospital under the directors of deaconesses which appeals to our Synod and in which a number of our pastors are deeply interested. Not only does the Motherhouse appeal to us for the training of deaconesses, but also as a training school for Christian Kindergarten Teachers, to which your Committee begs leave to call special attention. The Wisconsin State Luther League will at its next Convention devote its entire program to "Inner Missions."

In Minneapolis an Inner Mission Society exists, composed of the several nationalities represented in the congregations in the City. One dollar a year is required to be a member, provided he is a member of one of the Lutheran Congregations and ten dollars secures a life membership. They have established a Hospice and House for young women and have secured an excellent property centrally located. The property is worth $40,000 and was secured for $15,000, a member of our Synod donating $9,000, the balance being a mortgage becoming due in 1910. It required about $2,000 to furnish the home and the same amount in alterations and repairs.

The home was opened early in Sept. 1907 and has sheltered a large number of young women for a larger or shorter period.

This is only the beginning of Inner Mission work on our territory and as soon as possible there will be branches going out in other directions.

Your Committee would recommend the following:

1. That we recommend the Deaconess Mother house at Milwaukee, to our people and urge upon them the importance

of the Deaconess Work, so as to secure young women to devote themselves to this branch of Inner Mission work and also for the training of Kindergarten Teachers.

2. That efforts be made by the Standing Committee on Inner Missions to bring and to keep the subject of Inner Missions before the Congregations and Conferences of Synod, and to endeavor during the year to devise ways and means for taking up some department of Christian activity along this line by Synod in the near future.

3. That whatever expenses which may be necessary to carry out this resolution be borne by Synod, provided that amount does not exceed $25.00 during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. TRABERT,

JNO. J. CLEMENS.

The report was received and the recommendations considered by items. On motion the report, with the recommendations, was adopted in the above form and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Report of Committee on Protocol and Printed Minutes

Your Committee on Protocol and Printed minutes begs leave to report that the printed mintes of the Seventeenth Convention of Synod have been carefully compared with the Protocol. We find a substantial agreement between the two, with the exception of a few typographical errors of minor importance and the following which we wish to correct:

Page 42 "Synodical Expenses '350.57" should be $353.57.

Page 44, Amount due St. John's Congregation should be $4.98 and not $5.98. On same page it is reported that Holy Trinity, La Crosse, owes Synod 60 cents, should be 60 cents due Congregation.

Page 149 of Protocol we find the following resolution, which does not appear in printed minutes:

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Trabert it was

Resolved To increase the amount allowed the Secretary for

transcribing the minutes into the Protocol from $5.00 to $10.00 annually.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Clemens,
O. S. Yerger,
Wm. ECKERT,
W. H. GABLE,
CHAS. KUENTZEL,
FRANK AUSTIN,
CHAS. T. KELLY.

The report was received, considered and on motion adopted item by item then as a whole.

The Rev. G. H. Schnur, submitted the following:

Whereas, the Delegates of our Synod to the General Council have been compelled to pay their own traveling expenses to the meetings of the General Council, and

Whereas, this custom entails undue hardships on the brethren whom we thus honor,

Therefore be it

Resolved 1. That the whole traveling expense of the President of Synod to the General Council be paid.

2. That one half of the traveling expenses of all other delegates to the General Council be paid.

3. That the apportionment for Synodical expenses be sufficiently increased to meet this extra bi-ennial outlay.

These resolutions were considered item by item and adopted with the following

Resolution that the above resolutions go into effect at the 1909 Convention of Synod.

A further report from the Conference Committee was presented for consideration, and upon motion the same was adopted, thus accepting the following nominees from the respective Conferences to transmit, to the Synodical Board, information concerning its own district:

EASTERN CONFERENCE.

REV. H. K. GEBHART,
REV. W. K. FRICK,
REV. Wm. CHRISTY.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

MR. H. W. KNAUFF,
MR. J. E. NELSON,
REV. J. L. MURPHY.

Resolution of Thanks

Resolved, that we hereby express our sincere thanks to the pastor and people of St. Paul's Church, for the kind and generous hospitality accorded us during this Convention.

Resolved, that Synod expresses its thanks to the pastor and congregation of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Red Wing, for the courtesy shown us in giving us the use of their church for the services of Sunday evening.

Resolved, that the Pastor of St. Paul's Church be requested to convey these resolutions to his congregation and to the Swedish Lutheran Church.

The above resolutions were upon motion adopted **unanimously.**

On motion the following recommendation from the Ministerium was adopted:

Resolved, that the President of Synod be authorized to enforce the provision of the constitution in the case af the Rev. S. W. Kuhns.

The report of the **Apportionment Committee** was presented by the chairman Rev. F. E. Jensen, and upon motion the same was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The adoption of the above report re-affirms the following resolutions:

1. **That all amounts due Synod from Congregations for traveling expenses must be paid by Oct. 1st.**

2. **That the Treasurer of each Congregation report to the Treasurer of Synod amounts paid to Pastor and Lay-Delegate for traveling expense.**

The Convention of Synod adjourned at 4 P. M., by the singing of Hymn 274 and the use of the prescribed form for closing Synods.

JOHN KEEHLEY,
Secretary.

Minutes of the Ministerium

The first meeting of the Ministerium was held in the basement of the church on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Meeting was called to order by the Pres., and opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Elmquist.

The Examining Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee had before them Mr. Paul L. Kunzmann, a graduate of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, elected pastor of the church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis., who applies for ordination.

We have examined Mr. Kunzmann, and most heartily recommend him for ordination.

Your committee held a Colloquium with Rev. Howard R. Gold who presents a regular letter of dismissal from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and is now the pastor of Holy Trinity Mission, Madison, Wis.

Rev. Chas. B. Lindtwed, who has a regular letter of dismissal from the Nova Scotia Synod and is now pastor of St. John's Mission at Oshkosh, Wis.

Rev. L. F. Gruber, now pastor of St. Mark's Minneapolis, who brings a regular letter of dismissal from the Synod of New York and New England.

Rev. William S. Ulrich pastor of St. Mark's Fargo, who has a regular letter of dismissal from the Pittsburg Synod and Rev. Luther B. Deck, recently ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, from wnich body he brings a letter of dismissal and who has been called as pastor of Holy Trinity Congregation Minneapolis.

The Colloquium with these brethren was most satisfactory, and we heartily recommend them for membership into our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. TRABERT, ?
W. K. FRICK,
H. K. GEBHART,
A. F. ELMQUIST.

The report was adopted by items and the persons named recommended to Synod.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.

Second Meeting

Friday, June 26, 9 A. M.

Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Geo. H. Schnur. A Supplementary report of the Examining Committee was presented as follows:

Your Committee had before them the Rev. William F. Bacher of Kingston, New York, pastor elect of Memorial Congregation St. Paul, who comes to us with a letter of dismissal from the Synod of New York and New England. We cordially recommend him for membership in our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. TRABERT,
W. K. FRICK,
H. K. GEBHART,
A. F. ELMQUIST.

The report was adopted and the name of Rev. W. F. Bacher recommended to Synod.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. F. Gruber.

Third Meeting

Monday, June 29, 1:45 P. M.

Meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. Willis Beck. Object of meeting as stated was to consider the case of the Rev. S. W. Kuhns, relative to his field of labor and his repeated absences from Synodical meetings.

On motion of the Rev. J. L. Murphy it was

Resolved to recommend to Synod that the President be authorized to enforce the provision of the Constitution in the case of the Rev. S. W. Kuhns.

Meeting adjourned with the benediction pronounced by the President.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Wednesday Evening.

Chief service with communion conducted by the Rev. A. J. Reichert Pres. of Synod. The Rev. H. K. Gebhart preached the sermon, taking as his theme, "God's Desire in the Holy Supper" based upon the text Luke 22: 13, 15.

Thursday Evening.

Home Mission service.

Vespers, conducted by the Rev. Jno. J. Clemens.

Address, "Home Missions" by the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., Supt. of Home Missions.

Address, "Inner Missions" by the Rev. P. E. Baisler Kenosha, Wis.

Friday Evening.

Foreign Mission service.

Vesper service conducted by the Rev. L. F. Gruber.

Address, "Foreign Missions" by the Rev. Geo. Drach, General Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Address, "Porto Rico" by the Rev. W. P. Christy, Janesville, Wis.

Sunday Morning.

Ordination service.

Liturgical service by the Rev. John Keehley, Sec'y.

Sermon by the Rev. Prof. E. F. Krauss, D. D., Chicago Theological Seminary.

Ordination service by the Rev. A. J. Reichert, Pres.,assisted by the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D.

Ordained, Paul L. Kunzmann.

Sunday Evening.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of English Lutheranism in the Northwest.

Service in Swedish Lutheran Church.

Vesper service conducted by the President of Synod, A. J. Reichert.

Historical address, Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Milwaukee, Wis.

Address, "Chicago Seminary's Influence," Prof. E. F. Krauss, D. D., Chicago, Ill.

Address, "The Future," Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Minneapolis, Minn.

STANDING COMMITTEES

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Revs. G. H. Trabert, D. D.; W. K. Frick, D. D.; H. K. Gebhart; A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D.; Wm. F. Bacher.

Statistics and Parochial Reports.

Revs. J. A. Zundel; Geo. H. Schnur; L. F. Gruber.

Inner Missions.

Revs. G. H. Trabert, D. D.; J. J. Clemens; Wm. Eckert.

Committee on Parishes.

Revs. A. J. Reichert; H. K. Gebhart; W. S. Ulrich.

Archivarius.

Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.

The next Convention of Synod will be held in Epiphany Church Milwaukee, Wis., the Second Wed. after Trinity, or June 16th, 1909.

Report of Committee on Apportionment

CONGREGATION	Itemized Traveling Expense Report — Expenses — Clergy	Lay	Total Traveling Expense	Amount Apportioned	Amount Due Synod	Amount Due Congregation
St. John's, Minneapolis	$ 2.04	$ 2.04	$ 4.08	$ 21.00	$ 16.92	.....
Memorial, St. Paul	1.62	1.62	3.24	20.40	17.16	.....
Trjnity, St. Paul	1.62	.....	1.62	13.50	11.88	.....
St. Paul's, Red Wing	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem, Minneapolis	2.04	2.04	4.08	21.30	17.22	.....
St. John's, Duluth	7.62	7.62	15.24	10.22	.....	5.02
St. Mark's, N. St. Paul	2.02	2.02	4.04	5.40	1.36	.....
St. James, St. Paul	1.62	1.62	3.24	11.30	8.06	.....
St. Luke's, Goodhue	.....	.....	.....	4.46	4.46	.....
Eng. Luth., Cannon Falls	.....	1.80	1.80	3.57	1.77	.....
Luth. Ch., Zumbrota	2.08	.....	2.08	2.40	.32	.....
Trinity, Lindstrom	.....	1.42	1.42	9.53	8.11	.....
St. John's Stacy	.....	.....	.....	2.52	2.52	.....
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	2.04	2.04	4.08	11.36	7.28	.....
Holy Trin., Minneapolis	2.04	.....	2.04	3.50	1.46	.....
Salem, Albert Lea	3.90	3.90	7.80	3.94	.....	3.86
Redeemer, Milwaukee	11.50	11.50	23.00	27.09	4.09	.....
Holy Communion, Racine	12.40	12.40	24.80	25.66	.86	.....
Holy Trin., La Crosse	3.62	3.62	7.24	8.96	1.72	.....
Grace, Kenosha	13.10	13.10	26.20	13.29	.....	12.91
First Eng., Platteville	10.00	10.00	20.00	15.51	.....	4.49
St. Peter's, Janesville	10.48	10.48	20.96	10.22	.....	10.74
Advent, Cedarburg	.....	.....	.....	2.61	2.61	.....
Epiphany, Milwaukee	11.50	11.50	23.00	11.45	.....	11.55
Holy Trin., Superior	7.42	7.42	14.84	3.13	.....	11.71
Atonement, Beloit	.....	.....	.....	4.05	4.05	.....
St. Paul's, Waterloo	10.14	.....	10.14	2.90	.....	7.24
Holy Trinity, Madison	8.94	.....	8.94	2.79	.....	6.15
St. Mark's, Fargo	11.82	.....	11.82	12.14	.32	.....
Redeemer, Sioux Falls	12.00	12.00	24.00	2.20	.....	21.80
Redeemer, Livingston	.....	.....	.....	1.90	1.90	.....
First Eng., Winnipeg	.....	.....	.....	1.45	1.45	.....
Reformation, Milwaukee	11.50	11.50	23.00	6.04	.....	16.96
St. John's, Oshkosh	9.22	.....	9.22	4.73	.....	4.49
First Eng., Middleton	.....	.....	.....	1.40	1.40	.....
Total	.....	.....	$301.92	$301.92	$116.92	$116.92

Your committee would call attention to the following:

1. That all amounts due Synod from congregations for traveling expenses **must be paid by Oct. 1st.**

2. That the Treasurer of each congregation **report to the Treasurer of Synod** amounts paid to Pastor and Lay Delegate for traveling expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JENSEN,

PEDER A. PEDERSEN.

Report of Committee on Apportionment

CONGREGATION	APPORTIONMENTS										
		GENERAL					BENEVOLENCE				
	Total Apportionment	Traveling Expense	Synodical Expense	Total Benevolence	Chicago Lutheran Seminary	Ministerial Education	General Council Home Missions	General Council Church Extension	G. C. Slav Missions	G. C. Porto Rico Missions	G. C. Foreign Missions
St. John's, Minneapolis	$ 381.41	$ 21.00	$ 22.20	$ 338.21	$ 111.00	$ 6.66	$ 91.05	$ 44.40	$ 3.70	$ 33.30	$ 48.10
Memorial, St. Paul	364.13	20.40	15.54	328.19	107.70	6.46	88.38	43.08	3.59	32.31	46.67
Trinity, St. Paul	245.47	13.50	14.28	217.69	71.40	4.28	58.71	28.56	2.38	21.42	30.94
St. Paul's, Red Wing	312.76	.....	19.28	293.48	96.30	5.77	79.06	38.52	3.21	28.89	41.73
Salem, Minneapolis	386.58	21.30	22.50	342.78	112.50	6.75	92.28	45.00	3.75	33.75	48.75
St. John's, Duluth	186.74	10.22	10.86	165.66	54.30	3.25	44.76	21.72	1.81	16.29	23.53
St. Mark's, N. St. Paul	100.17	5.40	5.82	88.95	29.10	1.74	24.16	11.64	.97	8.73	12.61
St. James, St. Paul	206.30	11.30	12.00	183.00	60.00	3.60	49.40	24.00	2.00	18.00	26.00
St. Luke's, Goodhue	82.70	4.46	4.80	73.44	24.00	1.44	20.00	9.60	.80	7.20	10.40
Eng. Luth., Cannon Falls	67.22	3.57	3.90	59.75	19.50	1.17	16.33	7.80	.65	5.85	8.45
Luth. Ch., Zumbrota	45.61	2.40	2.64	40.57	13.20	.79	11.18	5.28	.44	3.96	5.72
Trinity, Lindstrom	174.37	9.53	10.14	154.70	50.70	3.04	41.81	20.28	1.69	15.21	21.97
St. John's, Stacy	46.67	2.52	2.76	41.39	13.80	.82	10.67	5.52	.46	4.14	5.98
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	207.32	11.36	12.06	183.90	60.30	3.61	49.64	24.12	2.01	18.09	26.13
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	65.28	3.50	3.78	58.00	18.90	1.22	15.83	7.56	.63	5.67	8.19
Salem, Albert Lea	73.51	3.94	4.26	65.31	21.30	1.37	17.79	8.52	.71	6.39	9.23
Redeemer, Milwaukee	492.40	27.09	28.62	436.69	143.10	9.38	117.26	57.24	4.77	42.93	62.01
Holy Communion, Racine	465.85	25.66	27.12	413.07	135.60	8.13	111.14	54.24	4.52	40.68	58.76
Holy Trinity, LaCrosse	164.16	8.96	9.54	145.66	47.70	2.86	39.45	19.08	1.59	14.31	20.67
Grace, Kenosha	242.34	13.29	14.10	214.95	70.50	4.23	57.97	28.20	2.35	21.15	30.55
First Eng., Platteville	283.51	15.51	16.44	251.56	82.20	4.93	68.53	32.88	2.74	24.66	35.62
St. Peter's, Janesville	186.41	10.22	10.53	165.66	54.30	3.25	44.76	21.72	1.81	16.29	23.53
Advent, Cedarburg	49.71	2.61	2.88	44.22	14.40	.86	12.16	5.76	.48	4.32	6.24
Epiphany, Milwaukee	207.41	11.45	12.06	183.90	60.30	3.61	49.64	24.12	2.01	18.09	26.13
Holy Trinity, Superior	57.00	3.13	3.30	50.57	16.50	.99	13.83	6.60	.55	4.95	7.15
Atonement, Beloit	74.51	4.05	4.32	66.14	21.60	1.30	18.04	8.64	.72	6.48	9.36
St. Paul's Waterloo	53.90	2.90	3.12	47.88	15.60	.94	13.14	6.24	.52	4.68	6.76
Holy Trinity, Madison	50.80	2.79	2.94	45.07	14.70	.81	12.41	5.88	.49	4.41	6.37
St. Mark's, Fargo	219.80	12.14	12.78	194.88	63.90	3.84	52.59	25.56	2.13	19.17	27.69
Redeemer, Sioux Falls	38.21	2.20	2.22	33.79	11.10	.67	9.07	4.44	.37	3.33	4.81
Redeemer, Livingston	36.36	1.90	2.10	32.36	10.50	.63	8.98	4.20	.35	3.15	4.55
First Eng., Winnipeg	28.13	1.45	1.62	25.06	8.10	.49	7.02	3.24	.27	2.43	3.51
Reformation, Milwaukee	109.57	6.04	6.36	97.17	31.80	1.90	26.37	12.72	1.06	9.54	13.78
St. John's, Oshkosh	85.72	4.73	4.98	76.01	24.90	1.50	20.56	9.96	.83	7.47	10.79
First Eng., Middleton	25.63	1.40	1.50	22.73	7.50	.45	6.03	3.00	.25	2.25	3.25
Totals	$5817.66	$301.92	$333.35	$5182.39	$1698.30	$102.74	$1400.00	$679.32	$ 56.61	$509.49	$735.92

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

Index Number	CONGREGATIONS Name and Location	PASTORS Name and Address	Organized	MEMBERS			ACCESSIONS						LOSSES			NET	
				Number Communed	Communicant Memb.	Baptized Members	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Transfer	Renewal of Faith	Restoration	Death	Transfer	Otherwise	Loss	Gain
	Minnesota.																
1	St. John's, Chicago Ave., Minneapolis	Anthony F. Elmquist, Ph. D., 1517 Portland Ave...	1883	290	370	598	24	1	22	24	11	5		4	9		50
2	Memorial, Sixth St., St. Paul	Vacant	1883	240	359	606	17	1	20	1	1		4	1			18
3	Trinity, Ada Robie Sts., St. Paul	Orlando S. Yerger, 241 E. Congress St.	1886	224	238	509	20	2	33	1	16		1		9		42
4	St. Paul's, West Ave., Red Wing	A. J. Reichert, 710 4th St.	1886	265	321	546	17		23	7			4	15	38	27	
5	Salem, 28th St., Minneapolis	Geo. H. Trabert, D. D. 610 W. 28th St.	1890	273	375	627	24	2	34	9	15		4	4	20		32
6	St. John's, Third St., Duluth	J. L. Murphy, 312 Lake Ave., North	1890	170	181	400	10	4	30	2	17			2	42		9
7	St. Mark's, North St. Paul	R. A. Helms, No. St. Paul	1890	80	97	150	16		18	6	5				23		6
8	St. James, Marshall Ave., St. Paul	Geo. H. Schnur, 730 Marshall Ave.	1895	186	200	340	12		16	10	7			4	19		10
9	St. Luke's, Goodhue	Willis Beck, Zumbrota	1897	65	80	155	21				15			3	7		5
10	English, Cannon Falls	Willis Beck, Zumbrota	1900	40	65	140	6		10					5	2		3
11	Redeemer, Zumbrota	Willis Beck, Zumbrota	1905	47	44	104	5	1	17		9			5	8		14
12	Trinity, Lindstrom	C.W.Valentine, Lindstrom	1901	85	169	319	17		17				3	10	4		
13	St. John's, Stacy	C.W.Valentine, Lindstrom	1904	30	46	50	4							2	22	24	
14	St. Mark's, 2231 Lyndale Ave. No., Minneapolis	L. F. Gruber, 2910 Lyndale Ave. North	1902	151	201	356	8		33	17		5		8	35		12
15	Holy Trinity, 29th Ave. S. Minneapolis	John A. Zundel, 3253 First Ave. South	1905	59	53	238	9		12	4	15			3	9		19
16	Salem, Albert Lea	John Keehley, 602 West Clark St.	1907	66	71	166	7	3	9	1	12				1		24

	Wisconsin.																	
17	Redeemer, 16th St. near Grand Ave., Milwaukee.	William K. Frick, D. D., 2305 Cedar St.	1890	325	477	650	31	3	32	4	8		3	64	16	36		
18	Holy Communion, 10th St. and Wash. Ave., Racine	William Eckert, 1034 Washington Ave.	1898	400	452	902	35		34	6	40		1	8	23		48	
19	Holy Trinity, West Ave. & Ferry St., La Crosse	J. J. Clemens, 1334 Ferry St.	1898	113	159	384	11		10		2		1	7	12	8		
20	Grace, Prairie & Lyman Aves., Kenosha	Perry E. Baisler, 775 Prairie Ave.	1901	155	235	590	22	2	32		23	2		2	28		29	
21	First, Platteville	H. K. Gebhart, Platteville	1902	219	274	430	13		15	1	3		1	1	15		2	
22	St. Peter's, Jackson and Center Sts., Janesville	William P. Christy, 555 Pleasant St.	1903	138	181	366	18	1	11	6	17		3	2	24		6	
23	Advent, Cedarburg	Geo. O. Jost, Cedarburg	1904	51	48	82			5				1	1	2		1	
24	Epiphany, Milwaukee	G. Keller Rubrecht, 999 Island Ave.	1905	161	201	585	18	5	30	2	32		2	4	2		61	
25	Atonement, Beloit	Paul H. Roth, 311 Locust St.	1905	45	72	210	8		7	1	14		1		4		17	
26	Holy Trinity, John Ave., Superior.	William H. Gable, 1722 Ogden Ave.	1905	35	55	135	15		10	2	6		1	3	6		8	
27	Holy Trinty, Madison	Howard R. Gold, Madison	1906	57	49	102	4		4	3	9			2	1		13	
28	St. Paul's, Waterloo	A. C. Peterson, Waterloo	1906	41	52	86		3	6	1	1						11	
29	St. John's, Oshkosh	Charles B. Lindtwed, 28 Wright St.	1907	72	83	152	6		14	3	67			1			83	
30	Reformation, 3412 Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee	Paul L. Kunzmann, 731 40th St.	1908	84	106	237		1	11	54	41		1				106	
	Other States.																	
31	St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.	W. S. Ulrich, 714 Fourth Ave. N.	1887	201	213	368	22	2	22	4	36	2	4	12	10		40	
32	Redeemer, Minnesota Av., Sioux Falls, So. Dak.	R. W. Yeany, 423 So. Main Ave	1905	35	37	119	10	2	2	4	3			1	2		8	
33	Redeemer, Livingston, Montana	L. G. Deily, Livingston	1906	21	35	95	2		3		3				17	11		
	Canada.																	
34	First, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Vacant	1905	21	27	79	27		3		6		1		15	7		
35	*St. John's, Inwood, Man.	Vacant	1906	*	†50	†100												
	* No report.	Totals for 1908		4445	5676	10976	459	33	545	173	434	14	36	174	425		564	
	† Last year's figures.	Totals for 1907		3367	5112	9832	349	33	502	196	419	15	36	101	322		602	
		Increase		1078	564	1144	110		43		15			73	103			
		Decrease								23		1					38	

PAROCHIAL REPORT. Finances

Index Number	BENEVOLENCE															
	Synodical					General Council										
	Synodical Expense	Traveling Expense	Ministerial Relief Fund	Education Chgo. Sem.	Synodical Home Mis.	Home Missions	Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Other Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Current Expenses, Etc.	Grand Total Contributions	Average Contribution	Value of Property
1	$ 15.75	$ 22.90	$ 32.50	$ 107.35	$ 30.83	$ 34.36	$ 50.85	$ 36.00	$ 7.75	$ 441.90	$ 780.19	$ 3600.00	$ 4380.19	$11.84	$ 17000
2	23.87	24.42	22.60	87.00	26.00	20.50	40.00	23.00	11.50	.....	278.89	5121.11	5400.00	15.04	18000
3	13.72	14.08	13.43	72.23	10.83	27.08	92.62	23.59	.....	22.25	289.83	1148.51	1438.34	6.04	6400
4	24.36	24.90	17.00	168.15	12.75	37.50	40.84	19.67	7.62	5.00	357.79	1355.00	1712.79	5.34	4500
5	24.08	27.30	27.50	71.00	132.00	178.53	135.00	75.00	27.00	145.20	842.61	2226.71	3069.32	8.18	45000
6	12.34	12.37	.....	50.00	13.20	40.70	17.30	15.00	10.00	.....	170.91	3088.64	3259.55	18.01	10000
7	6.37	.....	.....	10.41	15.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	66.78	333.00	399.78	4.12	.....
8	13.30	13.65	19.00	91.50	16.00	58.23	90.00	35.00	10.00	46.32	393.00	2017.00	2410.00	12.05	4500
9	5.25	13.72	.....	45.11	2.25	.....	9.00	.....	.....	5.00	80.33	325.00	405.33	5.07	2500
10	4.34	.....	.....	8.92	.95	.....	2.04	.....	.....	.....	16.25	370.00	386.25	5.94	3000
11	2.10	.....	4.00	15.58	.....	.....	3.19	.....	.....	.....	24.87	350.00	374.87	8.52	.....
12	.....	5.74	.....	49.00	.....	3.88	.....	4.03	.....	.....	62.65	•	62.65	.....	10000
13	3.95	5.09	.....	7.00	.....	.....	2.90	.....	.....	.....	18.94	225.04	243.98	5.30	1500
14	4.77	13.58	14.00	48.00	11.75	20.24	18.87	30.00	9.50	5.00	175.71	2822.57	2998.28	14.92	5000
15	2.38	1.10	.....	10.08	2.72	3.75	11.00	22.50	1.70	7.50	62.73	432.97	495.70	9.35	3500

16	.....	3.32	17.15	7.75	4.00	14.00	13.50	10.24	8.35	10.00	88.31	1511.07	1599.38	22.53	.....
17	35.91	36.66	30.00	304.82	19.35	69.00	5.00	20.00	.....	189.33	710.07	3174.28	2884.35	8.14	15000
18	28.28	23.32	21.23	133.26	.....	85.00	50.00	40.00	20.00	.....	401.09	4106.00	4507.09	9.97	14000
19	11.89	12.00	20.75	17.94	11.76	25.20	36.25	40.59	.....	.....	176.38	1526.43	1702.81	10.71	13000
20	14.42	14.78	.....	42.85	37.25	25.00	23.30	32.50	8.40	5.93	204.43	1425.40	1629.83	6.94	15000
21	.....	12.78	.....	139.00	4.05	173.20	10.17	15.00	.....	44.00	398.20	1002.00	1400.20	5.11	10000
22	11.25	.....	28.53	91.25	13.00	32.00	16.00	16.00	8.00	45.00	261.03	1765.67	2026.70	11.19	12000
23	34.96	.....	.....	28.90	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	8.00	75.86	472.64	548.50	11.43	200
24	9.80	7.92	5.00	25.41	12.00	34.35	40.00	5.58	.....	9.50	149.56	3354.15	3503.71	17.43	28200
25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	41.15	12.00	.....	9.50	87.65	682.31	769.96	10.69	3700
26	.....	3.45	4.00	.....	.65	8.25	.....	4.00	2.90	9.52	32.77	822.53	855.30	15.55	1800
27	.....	.....	5.74	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	5.00	13.24	887.70	900.94	18.38	.....
28	2.87	3.03	.....	.....	3.25	1.16	.....	2.55	.....	.....	12.86	718.43	731.29	14.06	1000
29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.99	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.99	881.64	886.63	10.68	4500
30	.....	.....	.....	14.38	.....	10.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	39.38	1019.94	1059.32	9.99	.....
31	20.00	15.00	.....	10.00	20.41	15.00	61.01	52.08	.....	69.45	262.95	3181.97	3444.92	16.17	7000
32	2.03	2.17	4.33	.....	2.00	7.65	4.00	5.25	2.00	.....	29.43	295.00	324.43	8.77	8000
33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	1924.00	1929.00	55.11	3000
34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	288.14	288.14	10.67	8000
*35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1908	$327.99	$313.28	$286.76	$1656.89	$402.00	$978.57	$841.49	$549.58	$134.72	$1083.40	$6574.68	$52454.85	$59029.53	$10.40	$275300
1907	$495.29	.....	$206.32	$1783.35	$520.26	$722.00	$684.42	$609.65	$114.61	$ 501.12	$5637.02	$43979.83	$49048.68	$ 9.60	$262070
Inc.	$145.98	.....	$ 80.44	.....	.....	$256.57	$157.07	.....	$ 20.11	$ 582.28	$ 937.66	$ 8475.02	$ 9980.85	$ .80	$ 13230
Dec.	.....	.....	.....	$ 126.46	$118.26	.....	.....	$ 60.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PAROCHIAL REPORT. Organizations

CONGREGATIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOLS				WOMAN'S SOCIETIES				LUTHER LEAGUES			
	Enrollment	Average Attend'nce	Contributions — Local Objects	Contributions — Reserve-lace	Enrollment	Average Attend'nce	Contributions — Local Object	Contributions — Reserve-lace	Enrollment	Average Attend'nce	Contributions — Local Objects	Contributions — Reserve-lace
MINNESOTA:												
Albert Lea	111	49	$ 86.18	$ 21.85	38	50	$ 290.00	$ 3.00	20	15	$ 10.00	.....
Cannon Falls	77	45	25.00	.....	25	20	150.00	.....	20	12	30.00	.....
Duluth	151	85	168.00	.....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Goodhue	55	30	15.00	.....	15	12	50.00	5.00	30	17	25.00	.....
Lindstrom	125	74	51.50	.....	40	60	485.62	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Minneapolis: Salem	337	197	160.85	164.81	50	40	284.23	71.25	35	20	25.00	20.00
St. John's	210	137	217.27	55.85	79	37	500.00	20.00	95	42	50.00	25.00
St. Mark's	211	127	223.22	.....	31	16	225.00	16.50	*65	*35	*152.75	34.65
Trinity	168	70	59.50	19.10	12	8	54.75	11.25	....	....	.....	.....
Red Wing	218	130	101.30	42.00	**50	**30	**438.00	40.00	40	28	60.00	20.00
St. Paul: Memorial	192	117	222.50	107.15	†100	†60	†285.00	**44.50	70	45	64.90	39.75
St. James	203	121	129.19	55.10	80	50	612.30	22.00	**60	**45	**60.79	.....
St. Mark's, N. St. Paul	93	55	25.00	10.00	19	14	70.00	7.00	23	19	15.00	10.00
Trinity	293	157	126.34	130.79	39	20	56.50	22.25	30	18	8.85	.....
Stacy	88	54	42.88	3.00	40	20	95.00	.....	27	15	42.50	.....
Zumbrota	46	25	20.00	.....	20	15	120.00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
WISCONSIN:												
Beloit	73	40	58.25	5.00	28	20	51.00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Cedarburg	34	22	12.25	6.00	22	18	175.00	25.50	21	15	15.00	.....

Janesville	146	91	76.97	58.05	20	15	.....	10.00	30	20	21.57	19.95
Kenosha	358	181	215.30	47.22	36	36	146.00	25.00	70	50	76.00	.....
La Crosse	206	128	131.89	27.62	32	59	527.51	13.50	44	29	158.26	.....
Madison	42	26	42.35	2.50	**29	**25	61.00	3.00	18	16	12.00	.....
Milwaukee: Epiphany	414	265	377.39	75.00	22	15	160.00	.....	25	20	64.00	20.00
Redeemer	169	104	140.64	219.88	50	30	5.00	112.35	25	15	5.70	50.00
Reformation	166	76	81.39	39.38	29	26	21.10	.....	24	14	.....	.....
Oshkosh	57	36	48.42	.....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Platteville	130	86	91.17	.....	82	39	162.71	.....	22	15	8.00	.....
Racine	635	350	377.12	60.20	85	45	300.00	23.15	78	25	58.17	32.00
Superior	85	40	43.88	13.35	21	9	347.13	8.00	42	28	78.72	.....
Waterloo	48	32	33.00	.....	10	8	200.00	.....	8	5	50.00	.....
OTHER STATES:												
Fargo, No. Dakota	219	125	192.87	117.96	45	36	601.23	82.63	46	26	18.85	10.00
Livingston, Montana	34	20	.....	.....	16	30	200.00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Sioux Falls, So. Dakota	88	45	36.00	10.00	8	7	7.00	.....	18	10	12.00	2.00
CANADA:												
Inwood, Manitoba ††	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Winnipeg, Manitoba	48	20	47.24	.....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Totals for 1908	5530	3160	$3679.86	$1291.81	1173	870	$6681.08	$ 565.88	986	599	$1123.06	$ 283.35
Totals for 1907	5060	2809	$3564.95	$1234.24	471	††	$3782.33	$ 747.50	714	††	$ 670.00	$ 373.75
Increase	470	351	$ 114.91	$ 57.57	702	....	$2898.75	.....	272	....	$ 453.06	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	$ 181.62	....	....	.....	$ 90.40

* Including "Men's Circle".

** Including Two Societies.

† Including three Societies.

†† No Report.

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